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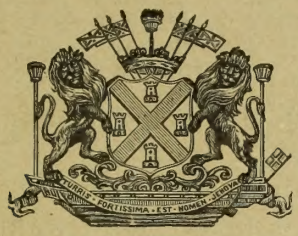

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS COMMITTEE,

(APRIL 1st, 1889, to MARCH 31st, 1890).

TOGETHER WITH

THE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
LIST OF PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY,
NAMES OF DONORS, &c.

Presented to the Council May 7th, 1890.

1889-90.

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1889-90.

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(ELECTED 9th NOVEMBER, 1889.)

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Corporation of the County Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

The year which closed with the end of March has left little to record beyond the steady development of the Library in all its departments.

Its use by the public has been curtailed by the necessity for closing the Lending Department for nearly six months.

The total number of books is now 29,000—a very large number to be secured in fourteen years—and that they are appreciated is indicated by the fact, stated by our indefatigable Librarian, that during that time more than two millions of volumes have been consulted or borrowed.

The Committee indulge the hope that, at no distant date, a more convenient and commodious building may be provided to meet the ever-increasing demands of the readers of Plymouth.

FREDERIC E. ANTHONY,
Deputy Chairman.

May 2nd, 1890.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

It is very gratifying to me to be able to present to you my Fourth Annual Balance Sheet, showing the financial position of the Library to be in a fairly satisfactory state, and that a large amount has been expended in new books and periodicals during the past twelve months. Thus the efficiency of the Institution has been kept up, and a valuable addition made to the Library stock.

You will also observe that a larger balance than usual stands to the credit of the Committee. This has been purposely set aside to meet the necessary expenses of cleaning and painting the interior of the premises, (some portions of which have been done during the past year), as some years have elapsed since any such renovation has taken place. The Committee wish also to meet in part the cost of printing the Catalogue of the Reference Library, which is now in the press; and when completed, will be a valuable addition to our working powers. This Catalogue will, it is believed, be of great and lasting usefulness, tending to develop the resources of this large and growing department, and to make it thoroughly serviceable to those who avail themselves of this, one of the most valuable features of a popular Public Library.

W. H. LUKE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

May 1st, 1890.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FROM APRIL 1st, 1889, to MARCH 31st, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

		£.	s.	d.
To Balance in hand		63	19	9
,, Corporation, in four Quarterly Instalments, as follows :—				
1889. May 30th	£250 0 0			
,, September 9th	250 0 0			
,, December 24th	250 0 0			
1890. March 15th	250 0 0			
		1000	0	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Tickets		7	19	10
,, Sale of Readers' Medals		0	13	6
,, Sale of Catalogues		1	8	0
,, Sale of Rules		0	19	9
,, Sale of Post Cards		1	3	10
,, Sale of Waste Paper		2	15	6
,, Fines and Repayment of Postages		26	14	9
,, Damaged and Lost Books		0	11	6
		£1106	6	5

EXPENDITURE.

		£.	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, Painting, &c.		59	10	11
,, Salaries, Wages, &c.		422	14	0
,, Printing and Stationery (General)		27	17	6
,, Printing Annual Report		6	14	6
,, Gas and Fuel		51	11	1
,, Supply of News Rooms and Library :—				
Books	£174 7 10			
Binding	53 6 8			
Newspapers	62 8 11			
Magazines	26 7 9			
		316	11	2
,, Insurance		3	0	0
,, Assistance in preparing Catalogue		21	3	0
,, Postages, Notices, &c.		6	1	11
,, Railway Carriage and other Charges		9	17	0
,, Cleaning and Sundries		16	4	8
,, Bank Interest, Commission and Cheques		0	19	6
,, Balance Credit in Bank	£218 0 8			
Less Cheque not presented	53 19 6			
		164	1	2
		£1106	6	5

(Signed) W. H. LUKE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

Audited, May 6th, 1890.

(Signed) F. W. DAWE, *Auditor.*

LIBRARIAN'S CASH STATEMENT OF LIBRARY RECEIPTS, 1889-90.

MONTHS.	Sale of Tickets.	Sale of Rules.	Sale of Medals.	Sale of Post Cards.	Sale of Catalogues.	Sale of Old Papers.	Lost and Damaged Books.	Fines, &c.	TOTALS.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
MARCH	1 0 11	0 4 8	0 0 10	0 5 1	0 7 0	0 0 9		3 12 3	5 11 6
APRIL	0 16 6	0 2 9	0 1 6	0 4 4	0 4 0	0 0 1½	0 2 6	3 16 4	5 8 0½
MAY	0 12 3	0 4 2	0 1 6	0 4 6	0 2 6	0 0 5½		3 15 9	5 1 1½
JUNE	0 7 2	0 1 8	0 0 2	0 2 4	0 1 0	0 1 7		3 19 8	4 13 7
JULY	0 11 1	0 3 3	0 0 10	0 2 6	0 2 0	0 0 8½	0 1 0	3 17 11	4 19 3½
AUGUST	1 5 9	0 2 5	0 2 4	0 3 0	0 4 6	0 0 3	0 1 0	3 2 3	5 1 6
SEPTEMBER	0 11 2	0 0 9	0 0 4	0 1 5	0 1 6	0 0 3	0 4 6	3 0 5	4 0 4
OCTOBER	0 5 3		0 0 6	0 0 1	0 0 6	0 0 2	0 2 6	1 9 3	1 18 3
NOV. & DEC.	0 4 3	0 0 1	0 3 4	0 0 1	0 1 6	0 0 8½		0 0 3	0 10 2½
JANRY., FEBRY., and part of MARCH	2 5 6		0 2 2	0 0 6	0 3 6	2 10 6		0 0 8	5 12 10
TOTALS	£7 19 10	£0 19 9	£0 13 6	£1 3 10	£1 8 0	£2 15 6	£0 11 6	£26 14 9	£42 6 8

NOTE.—The same cause which affected the issues of books, has also operated upon the Library Receipts which are less than usual.

1889-90.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The year's work, which closed on the 31st of March last, has been of an exceptional character, owing to the stoppage of the circulation of books during a period of nearly six months, in consequence of the precautionary measures which were adopted during the prevalence of a fever epidemic in the town.

While it was deemed desirable and necessary to close the Lending Library, and suspend the issue of books from the School branches, the other departments of the Library were carried on with accustomed vigour and regularity, as the returns will show.

The increase in the Library stock (see Table I.) is up to the average of previous years, the largest additions having been made to the Reference Library and the Local Department,—more than eleven hundred volumes having been added to these departments since the issue of the last Report.

A room has now been fitted up for the reception of the Local (Devon and Cornwall) Collection, which is gradually assuming a value and importance which will ere long lead to its being a very useful factor in local literary work. We have now more than four thousand volumes and pamphlets relating, in whole or in part, to the Western Counties, including many Acts of Parliament and Official Returns, as well as Maps, Plans, Charts, and Prints,—some of them being exceedingly rare and valuable. These are now being catalogued to form the second portion of a General Reference Catalogue, the first portion of which is now printing.

In the Reference Department we continue to receive the valuable publications of the Trustees of the British Museum, as well as those of the Patent Office. We have also, as published, the new general Catalogue of printed books in the British Museum, besides Catalogues from the Guildhall Library, London, and many other large Libraries in England, America, and the Colonies. During the year, a further selection of works by Mr. Ruskin has been added; also, as far as published, the "Dictionary of National Biography," further issues of Dr. Murray's invaluable "New English Dictionary," and many other valuable and interesting works.

The Reference Library now contains, inclusive of the Devon and Cornwall section, about 11,500 volumes, and the Lending Library 17,500 volumes, the increase in all departments during the past twelve months being 2,137 volumes.

The number of borrowers' tickets issued since my last Report has been less than usual, owing to the compulsory closing of the lending department from September to February.

During the early months of last year the School Libraries were in full operation, and much appreciated, but their usefulness was greatly retarded by the necessity which arose for stopping the circulation, thereby lessening the dangers of infection while the fever was in the town. In the early part of this year (1890), you approved of the supply of 400 volumes to the Plymouth Public School in Cobourg Street: this number, added to those previously sent to the Board Schools, makes a total of more than 2,000 volumes in constant circulation amongst the children attending the various schools.

Early in the autumn an effort was made to establish evening Reading Rooms in the Board Schools in some of the outlying districts, on a plan proposed by me some years since. The scheme was favoured by the School Board, but for various reasons it was determined to defer any action until the commencement of another winter, when it is hoped that several of these Reading Rooms with small libraries attached may be established. A project to open a branch Reading Room in the Great Western Docks, for the benefit of the men employed there, has also been considered, but is held over for the time.

It is only necessary to refer very briefly to Tables II, III, IV, V, and VI, which give important and useful information as regards the ages, location, and occupations of the majority of persons using the Library. This does not include the frequenters of the News Room, which is generally crowded to its utmost capacity; nor does it deal with the large and increasing numbers of persons of both sexes, and of all ages and conditions who consult the books in the Reference Library. The next series of Tables (VII, VIII, IX, X) give the usual details of the number and class of books borrowed and consulted; but, as they explain themselves and contain no novel features, I need do little more than refer you to them. It will, however, be noticed in Table VII that there is an unusually large total under Class J. This includes all the books lent to the Schools, which with their constant turn-over makes a heavy and appreciable item in our returns.

In future Reports I propose to give a separate return for this particular department. It will be noticed that I have not included Class K. in Table VII, my reason being that, although the Lending Library was only open on 156 days, the Reference Library was in full work on 289 days. Table IX, gives all the information necessary with regard to the Reference Department; and from these two Tables it will be seen that the total number of books borrowed and consulted, amounted during the twelve months to 138,177, being 104,624 in the Lending, and 33,553 in the Reference Department. The daily average in the one case was 670, and in the other, 116; while the aggregate totals since the opening of the Library in 1876 (see Table IX) have exceeded two million volumes.

With regard to Table X, which is simply an amplification of Table I, giving the growth of the Library Stock, nothing need be said.

During the year, the News Room, Ladies' Room, and staircase have been

renovated; and it is hoped that the remaining portion of the premises, the Lending and Reference Libraries, will shortly be treated in the same manner, as they sadly need cleaning. The matter of providing more adequate accommodation for our growing Library and its busy work has again occupied the Committee, and preliminary steps have been taken to secure a site belonging to the Corporation adjoining the new Technical Schools in Tavistock Road,—a position it is believed suited to our requirements. Acting on your instructions I had plans prepared, showing how the site could be utilized for the purposes of a Library, giving ample accommodation to all departments. Possibly, when other pressing matters have been satisfactorily settled, it may be your pleasure to take the necessary steps for carrying out such a desirable scheme as the provision of a new Library building, of which the inhabitants may be proud, and worthy of the fine collection of books which are now stored in the old Guildhall. The number of Libraries throughout the kingdom has very much increased of late, the movement being more popular now than at any previous period. This is in some measure due to the efforts of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, whose Annual Meeting I was privileged to attend, in October last, in London.

I referred in the early portion of my Report to the Catalogue of the Reference Department, which is now being printed by Mr. W. F. Westcott. It will be of handy size, and arranged in the Index or Dictionary style, which is most generally adopted for popular Libraries. It will be divided into two portions,—the first being General Reference Works; the second the Local or Devon and Cornwall collection; and the work when completed will be invaluable to students and general literary workers, while as a special Bibliographical List, the portion relating to Devon and Cornwall will be almost unrivalled. The work will occupy at least 250 pages, and will take several months in preparation; but, if issued in two separate parts, at the low price contemplated, it cannot fail to give satisfaction to a large class of readers. Although the Library has now been established fourteen years, no separate Catalogue of the Reference Library has yet been issued, and the reading public for the most part are therefore unaware of the very valuable collection of literature in this department; and I feel assured that persons interested in West Country Bibliography will be surprised at the extent of our resources therein.

Trusting that the year upon which we have now entered may be free from the untoward circumstances which characterised that now reported on, and thanking you for your continued confidence,

I have the honour to be,

Yours respectfully

W. H. K. WRIGHT.

May 1st, 1890.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

In the following Table will be found a record of the Number of Volumes added to the several classes of the Library since the publication of the last Report.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.*	No. of Volumes. 1888-9.	1890.	Increase in 1890.
A	Theology, Religion and Philosophy ...	751	758	7
B	Biography and Correspondence.....	1433	1502	69
C	History, Voyages and Travels	2620	2688	68
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	479	494	15
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History...	1182	1210	28
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	912	959	47
G	Prose Fiction.....	3649	4041	392
H	Miscellaneous Works	892	918	26
I	Magazines and Reviews (bound vols.)	2115	2159	44
J	Juvenile Literature	2480	2787	307
K	Reference Works	7045	7559	514
L	Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	3275	3895	620
	Totals.....	26,833	28,970	2,137

* This classification is continued in all subsequent Tables relating to the Lending Department of the Library, the Reference Library being sub-divided, and having a separate classification.

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued, included in the twelve Reports previously published	35,618
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report ...	* 1857
Total.....	37,475

* This Total is irrespective of borrowers from the School Libraries, of whom no separate Register is kept.

TABLE III.

Borrowers' Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with the reasons assigned.

	No.
Borrowers left the town	36
,, deceased	3
,, withdrawn, no reason given	8
Want of time for reading	5
Guarantors withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	42
TOTAL	96

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled 1889-90.

	No.
Under 15 years	206
From 15 to 20 years	469
,, 20 to 25 ,,	283
,, 25 to 30 ,,	163
,, 30 to 40 ,,	159
,, 40 to 50 ,,	118
,, 50 to 60 ,,	64
,, 60 upwards	51
Ages not recorded :—Burgesses	263
Non-Burgesses	81
TOTAL	1857

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total.
Vintry Ward	15	108	123
St. Andrew's Ward	36	305	341
Frankfort Ward	51	323	374
Drake's Ward	38	170	208
Charles Ward	92	448	540
Sutton Ward	31	188	219
Outlying Districts, Borrowers having other qualifications	—	52	52
TOTALS	263	1594	1857

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, to whom Tickets were issued in 1889-90.

Classification.	No.
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	158
Agents and Managers	33
Apprentices	54
Artists	6
Assistants	51
Bakers and Confectioners	4
Bankers and Bank Clerks	12
Basket and Brush Makers	7
Booksellers and Stationers	9
Bookbinders	2
Boot and Shoe Makers	14
Brass Workers	3
Brokers	4
Builders and Contractors	7
Butchers	10
Cabinet Makers	12
Carpenters and Joiners	40
Chemists, Druggists, and Dentists	9
Coach Builders	3
Clergy and Ministers	18
Commercial Travellers	12
Customs Officials, &c.	12
Collectors	2
Carvers and Turners	3
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	13
Domestic Servants	28
Drapers and Hosiers	42
Dyers	3
Engineers	7
Engine Fitters	8
Engravers and Lithographers	9
Errand Boys, Office Boys, &c.	42
Fish Dealers	2
Foremen	3
Grocers and Tea Dealers	30
Hair Dressers	15
Housekeepers	13
Inspectors	5
Innkeepers	6
Ironmongers	4
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	9
Labourers and Porters	22
Lawyers and Solicitors	4
Library Assistants	8
Lighthouse Keepers	3
Lathrenders	2
Lodging House Keepers	3
Machinists	8
Masons and Plasterers	14
Mariners	10
Medical Men	7
Merchants and Manufacturers	8
Milliners and Dressmakers	36
Musicians, &c.	4
Messengers	6
Officers, Army and Navy	7
Painters and Decorators	20
Pawnbroker	1
Pensioners	6
Photographers	7
Police Officers	2
Pianoforte Tuners	2
Plumbers and Gasfitters	11
Printers and Compositors	26
Post Office Employés	23
Railway Officials	11
Rope and Sail Makers	3
Saddlers	3
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	11
Shipwrights	5
Shopkeepers	19
Schoolmasters, Mistresses and Teachers	88
School Children	228
Tailors, Outfitters, &c.	23
Tobacconists	4
Upholsterers	6
Warehousemen, &c.	15
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	11
Miscellaneous Employments	35
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupations	431
Total	1857

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biographical Works.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Economy, Education, &c.	E—Art, Science and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1889. April	24	93	252	628	53	316	149	6,421	211	1006	7,421	*	531	17,081	711
May	27	67	208	578	53	281	132	6,145	182	929	7,306		545	16,426	608
June	22	42	180	486	15	159	102	4,620	167	613	6,885		403	13,672	621
July	15	24	157	357	11	142	42	3,324	136	383	6,613		343	11,532	768
August ...	26	57	248	622	44	246	100	6,300	237	816	8,739		630	18,039	693
September ...	14	43	118	322	26	123	50	2,822	105	420	3,613		258	7,900	564
	The Lending Department was closed from September 17th to February 27th, in consequence of the prevalence of Scarlet Fever in the town.														
1890. February and March ...	28	78	255	801	34	241	141	6,069	186	849	10,783		537	19,974	713
Totals ...	156	404	1418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	—	3,247	104,624	670

* Particulars of Class K will be found in Table VIII, as it has been considered inconvenient to include the figures here, owing to the difference in working time covered by the two Tables.

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department from April 1st, 1889, to March 31st, 1890 inclusive, as per Classification.

Month.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1889.															
April	24	38	46	98	383	99	58	115	28	1,391	77	34	123	2,490	103
May	27	78	54	63	398	136	126	133	39	1,367	147	6	168	2,715	100
June	24	54	50	38	473	104	122	344	9	1,393	105	66	138	2,896	120
July	15	32	37	69	357	90	60	119	1	874	116	47	156	1,958	130
August	26	98	47	158	422	119	119	93	18	1,769	167	7	302	3,319	127
September ...	25	70	23	102	266	92	68	59	6	1,696	155	37	253	2,827	111
October ...	27	58	49	77	429	125	107	132	18	1,585	128	90	246	3,044	112
November ...	26	104	50	79	490	94	185	201	16	1,493	139	21	340	3,212	123
December ...	24	54	27	36	363	109	109	244	11	1,263	124	32	316	2,688	112
1890.															
January ...	21	51	38	136	321	103	84	158	27	1,016	135	12	281	2,362	112
February ...	24	47	59	320	350	77	134	133	20	1,293	86	18	337	2,874	119
March	26	34	27	294	433	102	113	79	10	1,586	203	47	240	3,168	121
Totals ...	289	718	507	1,470	4,685	1,250	1,285	1,810	203	16,726	1,582	417	2,900	33,553	116

TABLE IX.

Statement of the Work of the Library in all Departments, comprised in the Thirteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	Total.	Daily Average.
1876–77 ...	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	125,059	347
1878	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	123,496	427
1879	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	118,805	458
1880	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	171,851	578
1881	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	162,048	566
1882	289	1,850	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	182,321	630
1883	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	179,506	612
1884	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	164,568	594
1885	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	158,604	556
1886	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	160,823	564
1887	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	147,901	515
1888–89 ...	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	251,739	710
1889–90 ...	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
Totals ...	*	16,632	47,866	116,568	8,698	46,174	29,684	922,678	29,903	146,723	352,802	315,167	52,003	2,084,898	

* The Lending Library was open 156 days; the Reference Library 289. The cause of this difference is shown elsewhere.

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accession in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	Total.	Yearly Increase.
1876–77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	7,908	
1878 ...	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	9,906	1,998
1879 ...	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	11,261	1,355
1880 ...	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	12,721	1,460
1881 ...	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	14,009	1,288
1882 ...	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	689	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	15,519	1,510
1883 ...	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	17,042	1,523
1884 ...	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	19,506	2,464
1885 ...	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	20,908	1,402
1886 ...	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	22,972	2,064
1887 ...	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	24,602	1,630
1888–89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	26,833	2,231
1889–90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	28,970	2,137
	432	728	1,051	349	723	490	2,668	487	1,400	2,314	6,893	3,527	Gross Increase, 21,062	

* For Key to Classification see Table I.

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Voyage en France (Rev. T. F. Dibdin)
Lounger's Common Place Book (J. W. Newman). 4 vols.
Bible (revised version, 1885)
Patents, Designs and Trade Marks' Act, 1889 (C. J. A. Haselden)
Romances of Chivalry (J. Ashton)
Aristotle (Geo. Grote)
Hasted's History of Kent (Ed. by Dr. H. H. Drake)
Directory of Registered Telegraphic Addresses, 1890 (Sell & Co.)
Newspaper Press Directory, U.K., 1890 (Mitchell & Co.)
Annals of Christ's Hospital (A Blue)
Præstantia et Usu Numismatum Antiquorum (E. Spanhemius)
Castelvetro's Petrarch. 2 vols.
Plays and Poems of W. Shakespeare [incomplete] (Ed. by E. Malone)
Les Femmes Illustres de l'Europe (Comtesse Drohojowska)
Hispania Illustrata
Gib. Cuperi Harpocrates
Clergy Directory. 1890
Minerva Library [Reprints]. 14 vols.

DEVON AND CORNWALL LIBRARY,

CLASS L.—Local Works.

Work.

Rows of Chester (Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma)
Parliamentary Representation of Cornwall to 1832 (W. P. Courtney)
Registers of Bishops Bronescombe and Quivil, 1257-1291 (Rev. F. C. Hingeston-Randolph)
Water Babies (C. Kingsley)
Heroes: Greek Fairy Tales (do.)

Work.

Madam How and Lady Why (do.)
Silver Store: Poems (S. Baring-Gould)
Kelly's Directory of Devon and Cornwall. 1889
Posthumous Letters on Spiritual Subjects (S. E. Pierce)
Hesperia: Western Songs (H. Hailstone)
From Stable Boy to Merchant Prince (B. L. Burnett)

CLASS L.—*continued.*

Work.

Sailor Pilgrim (Dr. R. Hawker)
Paraclesis (do.)
General Monk, Duke of Albemarle (Thos. Skinner)
Dorothy Fox (Mrs. Parr)
Devonshire Artists (G. Pycroft)
Common-place Book of J. Every, Esq., of Chardstock (G. Clinch)
Early Church and Her Councils (O. J. H. Davis)
Plymouth Institution Transactions, 1888-9
Eddystone: Facts and Fictions (H. B. S. Woodhouse)
Zion's Warrior (Dr. R. Hawker)
Misericordia (do.)
Cornish Bible (W. J. Hughan)
Lectures on Apostolic Succession (Rev. H. Acton)
History of the Donatists (Rev. Thos. Long)
Sermons, &c. (Bishop Blackall)
Navigation Spiritualized (Rev. J. Flavel)
Will and Testament of Thos. Gewin, of Falmouth
Physical Structure of the Lizard District (Rev. A. Sedgwick)
Amid Devonia's Alps (W. Crossing)
Flowering Plants of Devonshire (T. F. Ravenshaw)
History of the Sumatrans (J. Shebbeare)
Notes and Gleanings, vols. 1 and 2, 1888-9
Naval Achievements over the Spaniards
Doidge's Western Counties Annual, 1889 and 1890
Guide to the Three Towns (R. N. Worth)
Tracts: "My Birthday," &c. (Dr. R. Hawker)
Rustic Poems (G. Hamlyn)
Hesperides: Poems (R. Herrick)
Devon Masonic Register, 1888, '89 and '90 (W. F. Westcott)
Greece and the Grecians (A. Groser)
Notes on the Fishing Industry of Plymouth (W. Heape)
Fables of J. Gay (Ed. by O. F. Owen)
At Last: a Christmas in the West Indies (C. Kingsley)
Glossary of Words in use in Cornwall (M. A. Courtney and T. Q. Couch)
Memoir of Admiral Pym
Thoughts among Flowers (Dr. J. Kitto)
Discourses (W. C. Burgess)
Western Antiquary, vol. 8. 1889 (Ed. by W. H. K. Wright)
Geological and Antiquarian Pamphlets (R. N. Worth)
Lorna Doone (R. D. Blackmore)
Monk (J. Corbett)
Poor Man's Commentary on the Psalms (Dr. R. Hawker)

Work.

Village Conferences on the Creed (Rev. S. Baring-Gould)
Whole Works (Rev. J. Flavel). 2 vols.
Eve: a Novel (Rev. S. Baring-Gould)
Sutton Harbour Act, 1889
Blue Friars: their Sayings and Doings (W. H. K. Wright)
Plymouth Waterworks Act, 1887
Preacher's Pocket (Rev. S. Baring-Gould)
Few Sheaves of Devon Bibliography (Rev. J. I. Dredge)
Samuel Bolton, D.D.: a Bibliography (do.)
English in Canary Isles (S. F. Latimer)
Plymouth, Devonport, and South Western Junction Railway Act, 1889
Endowed Charities of Cornwall (S. Trevail)
Devonshire Association Trans., vol. 21. 1889
—— extra vol.: Devonshire Domesday, part vi.
Industries of North Devon (H. W Strong)
Birthplace of Sir W. Ralegh (Dr. Brushfield)
Notes on an Autograph Letter of Ralegh (do.)
Barnstaple during the Great Civil War (R. W. Cotton)
We Girls (M. A. Paull)
Little Quartermaster (do.)
Pearl of Billingsgate (do.)
Plymouth as a Port of Call
Cornwall as a Winter Resort
Memoirs of "Cora Pearl" (E. E. Crouch)
George Doggett, Keeper (P. H. Mules)
Charles Willshire (H. W. Strong)
Smith's Almanac, 1890
Three Towns Almanack, 1890
Theatre Royal, Plymouth, Pantomime, 1889-90, "Robinson Crusoe" (G. Thorn)
Grand Theatre, Stonehouse, Pantomime, 1889-90, "Cinderella" (G. V. Keast)
Writings of Richard Bernard (Rev. J. I. Dredge)
Dartmoor Preservation Association Publications, part 1.
Jessie and May (Mrs. G. R. Prynne)
Book of Gems (Ed. by S. C. Hall). 3 vols.
Exeter Diocesan Calendar, 1890
Truro Diocesan Kalendar, 1890
Laws of the Stannaries of Cornwall, 1824 and 1836
Sadducismus Triumphatus (Rev. Jos. Glanvill)
Public Speeches, 1880-90 (Sir E. Clarke)
Historic Oddities, &c. (Rev. S. Baring-Gould)
White's Devonshire. 1890
Triumphs of Petrarch (Trans. by Henry Parker, Lord Morley)

CLASS L.—*continued.*

Work.

Bid for the Laureateship (T. J. Macartney)
Church in the West, vol 4. 1887
—— vol. 6. 1888-9
History of Okehampton (Ed. by W. H. K. Wright)
Fables of J. Gay (Ed. by W. H. K. Wright
—— with Italian trans. (G. F. Giorgetti)
—— (sixty-seven engravings)
—— (Ed. by Rev. W. Coxe)
Dartmoor Pictorial Records, i. (R. Burnard)
Exploration of Dartmoor (J. L. W. Page)
Exploration of Exmoor (do.)
Caught by the Tide (Alison L. Garland)
Jacquetta (Rev. S. Baring-Gould)
Four Tavistock Worthies (Rev. D. P. Alford)
England's Royal Jubilee (do.)
Piety and Culture (do.)
Notes on Insanity (Dr. Brushfield)
Plymouth Institution Report and Trans., 1889-90
Picturesque Devonshire
Forty Thieves Down to Date: Burlesque (G. V. Keast)
Plymouth Water Question
Guide to Falmouth and Helford Harbours (F. C. Lane)
Prospects of the Senior Clergy (Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma)
Report (1889) of Appeal against Poor Rate by Sutton Harbour Imp. Co.
Booke of ye Olde English Fayre (Nat. Armada Mem.), Plymouth, 1890
Plymouth Water Question. Facts for Ratepayers
Guide to Falmouth and Helford Harbours (F. Cecil Lane)
Men of the West (Ed. by Joshua Hatton)
Luke's Handy Guide to Plymouth, &c., 1890. 2 copies (Ed. by W. H. K. Wright)
Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Carriages Regulation Act, 1860
Plymouth Great Western Docks Act, 1846
Plymouth Improvement Act, 1853
Bye-laws of the Borough of Plymouth, 1844
Westward Ho! a Song (Words by T. Winter Wood)
Sutton Harbour Improvement Acts (various)

Work.

Murmurs and Melodies (J. Gregory)
Cornish Feasts and Folk Lore (Miss M. A. Courtney)
Nautical Surveying (Vice-Admiral Shortland)
Tales of the Dartmoor Pixies (W. Crossing)
Spanish Armada. A Ballad of 1588 (D. B. W. Sladen)
Ordnance Map of Okehampton, 1884
Charles Church, Plymouth. Facts and Figures
Old Salt's Song (H. Whitfeld)
Serenade Part Song (A. C. Faull)
British Architect, Xmas, 1887. "Down to the Land's End"
Plan of Towns and Harbour of Plymouth, Stonehouse, Dock, &c. (S. Elliott)
Dairy Farming in Devonshire (Alex. Watt)
History of Mademoiselle de St. Phale (B. S.)
Poems of Thomas Carew (Ed. by W. C. Hazlitt)
Water of Life and other Sermons (C. Kingsley)
Papers on the State of the Church (H. Borlase)
Poetical Remains of a Clergyman's Wife
Life of Samuel Taylor Coleridge (Hall Caine)
Commemoration of National Deliverances and the Dawning Day (Rev. W. Winterbotham)
Life of Capt. Avery, Pirate, &c.
Treatise on the Anchor (R. Pering)
Saul and other Poems (J. N. Hearn)
Wild Flowers of the Soul (Poems) (T. P. Bell)
Fettered for Life. A Dartmoor Story (Frank Barrett)
National Sermons (C. Kingsley)
Sermons for the Times (C. Kingsley)
Trelawny: a Song (Music by G. B. Millett)
Phillis: Cornish Song (Music by G. B. Millett)
The Great Panjandrum Song (Music by G. B. Millett)
Not Forsaken: a Song (Music by G. B. Millett)
Devon's Sons: a Song (Music by H. Moreton; Words by W. H. K. Wright)

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*Alliance News	W
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Army List	M
Art Journal	M
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*Assure	M
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*Belfast News	W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
Bickford's Magazine	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Birmingham Daily Gazette	D
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Bookseller	M
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Boys' Own Paper	W and M
*British-American Citizen	W
*British Temperance Advocate	W
*British Women's Temperance Jrnl.	M
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
*Catholic News	W
Century	M
*Chamber of Commerce Journal	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer (2 copies)	W
*Church of England Temperance Chronicle	W
*Church Reformer	M
*Church Times	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Civil Service Times	W

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Classical Review	M
*Colonies and India	W
Congregational Review	Q
Contemporary Review	M
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish and Devon Post	W
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset Weekly News	W
*Devon Evening Express	D
Draper's Record	
*Devonport Independent (2 copies)	W
East and West	M
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
*Empire	W
Engineer	W
*English Churchman (2 copies)	W
English Historical Review	Q
*English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
*Englishwoman's Review	M
*European Mail	W
*Exmouth Journal	W
*Falmouth and Penryn Times	W
Family Churchman	
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
Figaro	W
*Fireside News	W
Fortnightly Review	M
Fun	W
Gardeners' Magazine	W
Gentlewoman (2 copies)	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
*Good Health (2 copies)	M
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic	W
*Hampshire Independent	W
Hardwicke's Science Gossip	M
Harper's Monthly	M
Harper's Young People	M
*Home	M
*Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
*Ilfacombe Observer	W
Illustrated London News	W
Illustrations	M
*Imperial Federation	M
*In His Name	M
*Insurance and Financial Gazette	M
*Invention	W
*Inventor	M
*Jewish Chronicle	W
Judy	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge.	M
Ladies' Treasury	M
Lady's Pictorial	W
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Leeds Mercury	D
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberal Unionist	M
*Liberator	M
*Light	W
Literary World	W
*Liverpool Post	W
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London Society	M
Longman's (2 copies)	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
*Magic Lantern	M

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*Manufacturer W
*Medium and Daybreak (2 copies) W
Merry England M
*Metropolitan W
*Mission Field M
*Montreal Weekly Witness W
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Murray's Magazine M
*Musical Budget M
*Musical Herald and Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter M
Musical Times M
Musicians', Professional, Monthly Journal M

Nature W
*Nature Notes M
Naval and Military Record W
Navy List M and Q
*New Church Magazine M
Newberry House Magazine M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies) W
New Review M
*Newspaper W
New York Herald D
Nineteenth Century M
*North Devon Herald W
*North Devon Journal W
Notes and Gleanings M
Notes and Queries W
*Nottinghamshire Guardian W

*Office W
*Our Own Gazette M
*Our Work at Home and Abroad M
*Oxford University Extension Gazette

Pall Mall Budget W
Pall Mall Gazette D
*Palestine Exploration Statement Q
*Patent Office Journals W
*Peace and Goodwill M
*Penryn Advertiser W
*Personal Rights Journal M
*Philipsburg Journal W
*Phonetic Journal W
Pictorial World W
*Practical Patentee W
Practical Photographer
*Present Truth M
*Printer and Stationer W
*Printers' Register M
Public Opinion W
Punch (2 copies) W

Quarterly Review Q
Queen W
*Queensland Government Gazette M
Quiver M

*Railway Review W
*Refreshment News W
*Register of Deceased Seamen M
*Reports, — Marine Department, Board of Trade
Review of Reviews M
*Richmond and Twickenham Times, W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette W

*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine M
*St. Austell Weekly News W
*Salcombe Times W
*San Louis Valley Courier
Saturday Review W
Scientific American M
Scribner's M
Scotsman W
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List D
Do. Weekly Summary W
*Signs of the Times W
South American Journal W
*South Australian Chronicle W
*South Western Gazette W
Speaker W
*Specialities M
Spectator W and M
*Staffordshire Advertiser W
Standard D
State Resources
Subjects of the Day Q
Sunday at Home M
Sunday Magazine M

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*Tasmanian Mail	W
*Teignmouth Gazette	W
*Teignmouth Post	W
*Teignmouth Times	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temperance World	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (weekly edition)	W
Tinsley's Magazine	M
*Tiverton Gazette	W
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Union: Journal of the Export and Import Trade (Berlin)	W
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Weekly Freeman	W
Western Antiquary (2 copies)	M
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
*Western Daily Press	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (2 copies)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Magazine and Portfolio	M
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies),	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
*Western World	M
Westminster Review	M
Woman's World	M
*Women's Suffrage Journal (2 cops.)	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

N.B.—The Quarterly Reviews, many of the principal Monthly Magazines, and some important Weeklies are placed on the Table in the Reference Library; while in the Ladies' Room will be found a large number of Journals of special interest to ladies, as well as a London Daily, two Local Dailies, and other papers.

RAILWAY AND OTHER OFFICIAL TIME TABLES,

Which are placed for handy reference in the Reference Library.

English Railways.

Brendon's West of England
Great Eastern
Great Northern
Great Western
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and South Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Liverpool
Midland
North Eastern
Smith's
South Eastern

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

Africa, Union Line, Royal Service
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourists' Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.
Shaw Savill and Albion Co.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library

HAVE AUTHORISED THE PREPARATION OF A NEW AND COMPLETE

Index-Catalogue of the Reference Library,

AND THE PRINTING OF THE WORK IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY

Mr. W. F. WESTCOTT, of the Frankfort Press, PLYMOUTH.

THE Catalogue will comprise all the books in the Reference Library, including the old Library of the Plymouth Medical Society, transferred from the old Hospital; also the valuable collection known as the Devon and Cornwall Library, believed to be the largest and most important collection of books relating to the West of England ever brought together.

The work will be divided into two portions—

1.—THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.
2.—THE DEVON AND CORNWALL LIBRARY.

Each portion will consist of a distinct alphabetical arrangement, under which Authors' Names, Titles, and Subjects will be readily found. Various notes to facilitate reference will be given, and in some cases the "Contents" of volumes, or series of important works. It is estimated that the Catalogue will extend to over three hundred pages, in single columns, 8vo size, printed in large type, with special type to denote Authors, as distinct from Subjects.

It will probably be the largest and most important bibliography which has ever been produced in this locality, and, as it will be sold at a low price, it is certain to have a large circulation; in addition to which, the Catalogue will be in daily use at the Library, by persons coming to consult the books.

Under these circumstances, the Committee, believing that the Catalogue will offer a good medium for Advertisers, have made arrangements with the publisher for the insertion of a limited number of first-class Advertisements. Terms as follows—

21/- per Page.

12/6 per Half-Page.

I shall be very pleased to receive your Advertisement and to make arrangements with the printer for its insertion.

The Catalogue will be ready about October.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,
Borough Librarian.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PLYMOUTH.
June, 1890.

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Fourteenth Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS

COMMITTEE;

(April 1st, 1890, to March 31st, 1891)

TOGETHER WITH

THE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
LIST OF PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY,
NAMES OF DONORS, &c.

Presented to the Council May 6th, 1891.

1890-91.

Plymouth:
W. F. WESTCOTT, PRINTER & PUBLISHER, FRANKFORT PRESS.

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(ELECTED 10TH NOV., 1890)

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Corporation of the County-Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in commending to your notice and adoption the Librarian's Report for the past year.

It presents no feature needing comment beyond the steady increase in the number of books, and of those who use them.

The aggregate issue of all classes of books during the year is the largest yet recorded, amounting to 231,852 volumes.

Nothing seems now to be wanting to make the Library all that could be desired, but more space for both books and readers.*

Yours faithfully,

FREDERIC E. ANTHONY,

Deputy Chairman.

April 30th, 1891.

* See Reports of Hon. Treasurer and Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

It is my pleasing duty to lay before you my fifth Annual Balance Sheet accompanying the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Free Public Library for the year ending March, 1891, and it is very gratifying to note that a large sum has again been expended in the purchase of new books in all branches of literature during the past year.

The Committee think this a favourable opportunity to ask the County Council for a site on which they may raise a new building that will be in every respect worthy of such a popular and deserving Institution, for the comfort and convenience of the large body of ratepayers who avail themselves of the Library and Reading Rooms, and worthy of this important and increasing County-Borough. The present building is now found quite inadequate to meet the growing demands of the Institution, and it is quite necessary that a library building should be erected which will give ample accommodation for many years to come.

The Committee also venture to think that the piece of land adjoining the Technical Schools in Tavistock Road would be a very desirable and central position for such a popular Institution, and with the aid of the County Council (allowing the Free Library the *full* penny rate) they are of opinion that with judicious management they could put aside annually sufficient to meet the outlay.

W. H. LUKE,

Hon. Treasurer.

29th April, 1891.

Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1890, to March 31st, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand				164	1	2
,, Corporation, in four Quarterly Instalments, as follows:—						
1890—June 28th	250	0	0			
October 7th	250	0	0			
1891—January 2nd	250	0	0			
March 10th	250	0	0			
				1000	0	0
,, Sale of Borrowers's Tickets				11	4	7
,, Sale of Readers' Medals				0	11	6
,, Sale of Catalogues				2	15	0
,, Sale of Rules				1	2	2
,, Sale of Postcards				1	18	5
,, Waste Paper				5	4	4
,, Fines and Repayment of Postages				40	5	0
,, Damaged and Lost Books				1	9	4
				£1228	11	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, Painting, and Renovation ..				58	12	9
,, Salaries, Wages, &c.				430	17	3
,, Printing and Stationery (General)				25	9	5
,, Printing Annual Report				6	10	0
,, Gas and Fuel				52	13	5
,, Supply of News Rooms and Library:—						
Books	193	11	6			
Binding	73	17	11			
Newspapers	66	18	8			
Magazines	27	5	5			
				361	13	6
,, Insurance				6	0	0
,, Printing Catalogue and Assistant Cataloguer ..				106	10	6
,, Postages, Notices, &c.				4	15	9
,, Railway Carriage and other Charges				9	0	7
,, Cleaning and Sundries				10	16	9
,, Bank Cheques				0	12	0
,, Balance Credit in Bank	157	9	7			
,, Cash in hand	0	10	0			
	£157	19	7			
,, Less Cheque not presented	3	0	0			
				154	19	7
				£1228	11	6

Audited 21st April, 1891.

(Signed) W. H. LUKE, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

S. J. BLEWETT } *Auditors.*
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Librarian's Cash Statement of Library Receipts for 1890-1.

MONTHS.	Sale of Tickets.	Sale of Rules.	Sale of Medals.	Sale of Post Cards.	Sale of Catalogues.	Sale of Waste Paper.	Lost and Damaged Books.	Fines, &c.	TOTALS.
1890.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MARCH	2 8 2	0 2 5	0 2 0	0 6 1	0 9 6	1 0 9½	..	1 7 5	5 16 4½
APRIL	0 19 5	0 1 4	0 1 0	0 4 11	0 4 6	1 0 5½	0 1 0	2 13 9	5 6 4½
MAY	0 11 10	0 1 0	0 0 6	0 2 5	0 1 0	1 0 4	..	2 18 7	4 15 8
JUNE	0 14 8	0 0 9	0 0 6	0 1 8	0 4 0	0 0 1	0 1 6	2 16 4	3 19 6
JULY	0 19 1	0 1 6	0 1 2	0 3 4	0 5 0	1 0 9	..	3 12 6	6 3 4
AUGUST	0 16 0	0 0 8	0 1 2	0 3 0	0 4 0	0 0 1	0 3 6	3 18 1	5 6 6
SEPTEMBER	0 18 10	0 2 8	0 0 4	0 2 1	0 5 0	1 0 2	0 0 6	3 18 0	6 7 7
OCTOBER	1 0 10	0 4 0	0 2 0	0 4 7	0 5 6	0 0 1	0 9 7	3 12 6	5 19 1
NOVEMBER	0 14 10	0 2 2	0 1 0	0 2 7	0 5 0	0 0 2	0 3 9	3 7 3	4 16 9
DECEMBER	0 7 6	0 0 11	0 0 6	0 2 2	0 4 6	0 1 3	..	4 13 11	5 10 9
1891.									
JANUARY	0 14 3	0 1 11	0 0 6	0 2 11	0 3 6	0 0 0½	0 9 6	4 14 2	6 6 9½
FEBRUARY	0 19 2	0 2 10	0 0 10	0 2 8	0 3 6	0 0 0½	..	2 12 6	4 1 7½
TOTALS	11 4 7	1 2 2	0 11 6	1 18 5	2 15 0	5 4 4	1 9 4	40 5 0	64 10 4

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1890-91.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Fourteenth Annual Report, I have to record steady and satisfactory progress in all departments. Fortunately, the circumstances which were referred to in the early portion of my last report have not recurred, and the falling off in the circulation of our books at the time has in no way impaired the usefulness or lessened the popularity of the library.

In consequence of the cessation of issues from September, 1889, to February, 1890, it was deemed inadvisable to recall the books as usual in June last, and our Borrowers had therefore the uninterrupted use of the Library from February until the end of December, when the usual checking and examination were carried out, with very few books unaccounted for. This has tended to a considerable increase in the amount received for fines, which appears in my Cash Statement as £40 5*s.*, as against £26 14*s.* 9*d.* in the previous year. The item for the sale of tickets also shows a considerable increase, although the number of new Borrowers is not very greatly in excess of the previous year. This is accounted for by the fact that we now charge for the forms (vouchers) issued and not for the tickets, and many of these are perhaps never handed in. Nearly all the other items in my Cash Statement show a proportionate increase over the previous year.

The additions made to the Library (Table I.) have not been so numerous, in the aggregate, as in the previous year, there being fewer books and pamphlets added to the Local Department (Class L) and the Reference Department (Class K). Still, the

increase has been large and satisfactory, and fairly scattered over all the classes into which our library stock is divided. It will be seen that the Library now contains 30,731 volumes, of which 18,371 belong to the Lending Department and 12,360 are in the Reference Library (including the Devon and Cornwall books, which number 4,320).

By Table II. it will be seen that since the opening of the Library in 1876 we have issued nearly 40,000 Borrowers' Tickets. Table III. calls for no comment, and Tables IV., V., and VI. are merely a record of information respecting the borrowers enrolled during the twelve months just expired. Table VII. shows that since the issue of the last Report the Library has been open 286 days and the aggregate issues have been 231,852, the largest total yet recorded in one year. The highest total was that for November (24,086), and the lowest, January (15,548). The numbers during the months of June, July, and January show a considerable falling off, being chiefly affected by the cessation of issues in the schools. Owing to the large number of juvenile books in circulation in connection with the schools, the issues in Class J. stand high, with a total of 104,404 volumes, Class G. (Fiction) being 64,813 volumes. The Reference total is very satisfactory, amounting to 32,133 volumes. The daily average during the year was 810. Table VIII. shows how the Reference total of 32,133 was made up, and records a daily average of 101 volumes, the highest issues being in January, 3,014. These figures vary but little from those in the previous report, but the Reference Library is now much more freely used by readers of magazines and by persons using the books placed on the counter and tables for general consultation. Table IX. speaks for itself, and needs little or no elucidation. It shows that the grand total of books circulated and consulted in all the departments of the Library since the opening in 1876 is 2,316,750, of which 347,300 were books used in the Reference Library. The other classes, in their order of popularity, stand thus: G. 987,491; J. 457,206; I. 156,085; C. 123,542; L. 57,220; B. 50,340; E. 48,381; H. 31,941; F. 30,779; A. 17,409; D. 9,056. Table X. is an instructive one, as it shows the growth of the Library stock during the fifteen years the institution has been open to the public. Further comment on these figures is needless.

With regard to the School Libraries, I am pleased to say that they have given entire satisfaction, and that several of the schools have applied for and received additional grants of books. A

small stock of books has also been sent on loan to the Plymouth Workhouse, where they are highly appreciated. The scheme for establishing Evening Reading Rooms in Board Schools has not resulted in any practical step, as it was found that the furniture and arrangements of the schools were unsuitable for the purpose desired; hence the matter has been dropped for the present.

The General News Room is as popular as ever, and to meet the growing demand for high-class periodical literature, I have transferred many of the Reviews and Monthly Periodicals to the Reference Library, re-arranging the room to meet the requirements of an increasing number of studious readers. The attendance in the Reference Library is now very satisfactory. The News Room and the Ladies' Room are nevertheless often inconveniently crowded, and in both departments of the Library we have filled every available space with blocks of shelving, it being now a difficult matter to find room for current accessions. Still, it is absolutely necessary to foster the growth of the Library by the constant addition of current Literature, and in this respect you have been most liberal in approving of many purchases of books which I have from time to time recommended.

In the last, and in several previous reports, reference was made to the necessity for providing a new building in a more central position, and it is gratifying to note that the feeling in favour of that movement is growing, and that an effort will shortly be made to induce the Council to take the necessary steps for the appropriation of land and for the provision of funds to erect a suitable building on the site adjoining the Technical Schools, and on the lines submitted to you some time since.

I am pleased to be able to report that the new Reference Library Catalogue is approaching completion. The whole of the titles of General Reference Works have been printed, making 300 pages, and, up to the present time, about 112 pages of the Local Department have been put in type. The Catalogue will considerably exceed the limits originally assigned, but this has been mainly caused by the additions made to the Library during the time the work has been going through the press. I estimate that the Catalogue, with appendices to include all additions up to the printing of the last sheet, will extend to 500 pages, and consist of about 30,000 entries. In the General Reference portion, I have given special prominence to the British Museum publications, State Papers, Chronicles, and other important sets of books, and have here and there added notes for the guidance of readers. The

Catalogue of the Local Department has necessarily occupied a great deal of time and attention, and in this I have given the fullest possible details with regard to general works relating to the two counties, as well as to such works as the Transactions of the Devonshire Association, the Plymouth Institution, &c., &c. The Library is especially rich in West-country literature, and I have done my best to furnish a ready key to the valuable stores placed here at the service of the public. I would, by your permission, make a general appeal to authors and others, asking them to send copies of any books or pamphlets which on reference to the Catalogue they find we do not already possess, and to the clergy, who may assist materially in the making of future history by sending copies (where printed) of their Parish Registers or Churchwardens' Accounts, or even the comparatively ephemeral and insignificant Parochial Magazines, which, however, for the most part contain information which is worthy of preservation.

During the year just passed the Reference Library and the Lending Library have been thoroughly renovated, the whole building having now undergone as satisfactory a restoration as is possible under the circumstances; but I am sorry to say that leaks in the roof have already done some damage to the painting and colouring, the good effect of the latter being considerably marred by patches of damp visible in several places.

There is a constant, and I regret to say, a growing cause of complaint, in the behaviour of a large number of boys at the back of the premises; it being their habit to climb on the wall surrounding the building, and to throw stones into the yard and against the building. Many panes of glass have been broken and not a little danger incurred from this (I think) preventible cause. I have repeatedly called the attention of the police to this matter and from time to time it has been checked, but the trouble recurs at periodical intervals. May I solicit your efforts in endeavouring to put down this annoyance?

In the Appendix to the present Report will be given a complete list of all the presentations made to the Library during the past twelve months, as well as a list of the principal additions made to the several departments. In the former will be found a list of the Free Public Libraries whose Reports we receive in exchange for our own, by which it will be seen that we are in friendly communication with many of the most important institutions, both in this country and in the United States, as well as some in the Antipodes and Japan. By your authority

several thousand spaces have been added to the Indicator, and I am thus enabled to place, for ready reference by borrowers, the titles of all the most recent acquisitions; the Indicator-Catalogue being found very helpful to borrowers, as well as furnishing a complete record of all issues, made up daily, and checked every week.

In conclusion I desire to thank you for the permission accorded me to attend the various meetings of the Library Association, of which for some years I have served as a member of the Council. The last annual meeting was held at Reading, in September last, and was one of the most practical meetings we have held in the provinces. I have also been appointed a member of a Special Committee for drafting a new Free Libraries' Bill, in which capacity I recently attended a meeting in London presided over by Sir John Lubbock, who has undertaken to pilot the Bill through Parliament. It is now in the hands of a parliamentary draftsman. It was also my privilege to be present, by invitation, at the recent opening of the new Library at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, when the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone gave an address which must be of great and lasting benefit to the cause of Free Libraries throughout the Kingdom.

Trusting for a continuance of the kind confidence you have hitherto reposed in me,

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT.

April 25th, 1891.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

In the following Table will be found a record of the Number of Volumes added to the several classes of the Library since the publication of the last Report.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.*	No. of Volumes. 1890.	1891.	Increase in 1891.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ..	758	794	36
B	Biography and Correspondence	1502	1561	59
C	History, Voyages and Travels	2688	2820	132
D	Education, Political Economy, &c.....	494	523	29
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ..	1210	1256	46
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama.....	959	990	31
G	Prose Fiction	4041	4304	263
H	Miscellaneous Works.....	918	957	39
I	Magazines and Reviews (bound vols.)	2159	2232	73
J	Juvenile Literature.....	2787	2934	147
K	Reference Works	7559	8040	481
L	Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	3895	4320	425
	Totals.....	28,970	30,731	1761

* This classification is continued in all subsequent Tables relating to the Lending Department of the Library, the Reference Library being subdivided, and having a separate classification.

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued, included in the thirteen Reports previously published	37,475
Borrower's Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	1,980
	39,455

TABLE III.

Borrowers' Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with the reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	65
,, deceased	3
,, withdrawn, no reason given	15
Want of time for reading	13
Guarantors withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	22
Total ..	120

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled 1890-91.

Under 15 years	243
From 15 to 20 years	521
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...	235
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...	164
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...	120
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...	105
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...	65
,, 61 upwards	48
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	241
,, Non-Burgesses	238
Total ..	1980

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total.
Vintry Ward	15	88	103
St. Andrew's Ward	38	335	373
Frankfort Ward	47	340	387
Drake's Ward	36	183	219
Charles Ward	91	560	651
Sutton Ward	31	162	193
Outlying Districts, Borrowers having other qualifications ..		54	54
Totals ..	258	1722	1980

TABLE VI.

Showing the occupations or individual designations of the Borrowers, to whom Tickets were issued in 1890-91.

Classification.	No.
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	142
Agents and Managers	32
Analyst	1
Apprentices	33
Architects and Architects' Students	6
Artists	15
Assistants	65
Bakers and Confectioners	14
Bankers and Bank Clerks	11
Barge Boy	1
Basket and Brush Makers	4
Booksellers and Stationers	3
Bookbinders	2
Boot and Shoe Makers	13
Brass and Wire Workers	5
Brewers	2
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	6
Builders and Contractors	12
Butchers, &c.	5
Cabinet Makers, French Polishers, &c.	8
Carpenters and Joiners	27
Carvers and Turners	5
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	12
China Dealers	2
Clergy and Ministers	13
Coach Builders	4
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	4
Collectors	6
Commercial Travellers	10
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	17
Cutlers, &c.	3
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	4
Domestic Servants	24
Drapers and Hosiers	49
Dyers	2
Engineers and Engine Fitters	21
Engravers and Lithographers	2
Errand Boys, Office Boys, &c.	32
Farmers	2
Fish Dealers, &c.	2
Forage Dealers	2
Foremen, &c.	3
Gentlemen	15
Gentlewomen	12
Grocers and Tea Dealers	31
Hair Dressers	11
Housekeepers	17
Innkeepers	8
Inspectors, &c.	4
Ironmongers	6
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	6
Labourers and Porters	18
Lath-render	1
Lawyers and Solicitors	6
Leather Cutter, &c.	3
Library Assistants	9
Lighthouse Keepers	2
Lodging House Keepers	7
Machinists	6
Mariners	[illegible]
Married Women (so specified)	21
Masons and Plasterers	9
Medical Men	4
Merchants and Manufacturers	16
Messengers	4
Milliners and Dressmakers	33
Minors (so specified)	9
Musicians, &c.	9
Officers, Army and Navy	27
Painters and Decorators	23
Pawnbroker	1
Pedlar	1
Pensioners	11
Photographers	6
Pianoforte Tuners	5
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	5
Police Officers, &c.	3
Post Office Employees	23
Printers and Compositors	25
Railway Officials	9
Saddlers	3
School Children and Students	154
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers	83
Seedsmen	2
Ship Chandler	1
Shipwrights	9
Shopkeepers	14
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	4
Spinsters (so specified)	13
Tailors, Outfitters, &c.	38
Tar Distiller	1
Tobacconists	2
Town Missionary	1
Upholsterers	5
Warehousemen, &c.	16
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	14
Widows (so specified)	6
Miscellaneous Occupations	130
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled Occupation	455
Total....	1980

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in all Departments, from April 1st, 1890, to March 31st, 1891, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1890.															
April ...	24	67	231	649	39	216	132	5,473	181	789	8,796	2,358	514	19,445	810
May ...	21	51	182	529	11	182	82	4,615	166	648	8,507	2,619	465	18,057	859
June ...	22	66	210	516	25	176	119	4,875	163	599	8,517	1,797	444	17,507	795
July ...	27	76	201	524	33	190	93	5,622	162	707	5,156	2,764	423	15,951	591
August ...	25	58	230	538	29	154	93	5,775	177	764	10,545	2,875	451	21,689	867
September	26	60	187	454	36	172	75	5,476	167	832	8,989	2,559	408	19,415	746
October ...	27	80	214	553	37	235	104	6,274	189	978	9,121	2,625	470	20,880	773
November	25	80	212	724	47	211	122	6,662	216	1,027	11,089	3,197	499	24,086	979
December	23	53	137	557	28	147	77	4,960	154	849	8,818	2,809	396	18,985	825
1891.															
January ...	18	52	143	490	25	140	49	4,011	98	484	6,781	3,014	261	15,548	863
February	24	79	259	696	22	201	59	5,694	191	839	9,010	2,747	454	20,251	843
March ...	24	55	268	744	26	183	90	5,376	174	846	9,075	2,769	432	20,038	834
Total ..	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	231,852	810

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1890, to March 31st, 1891, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1890.															
April	24	26	33	97	384	66	128	88	1	1,261	93	12	169	2,358	98
May	21	38	35	54	395	111	105	140	15	1,360	102	42	222	2,619	124
June	22	17	9	32	277	100	111	110	4	833	57	89	158	1,797	81
July	27	53	68	60	421	119	175	206	10	1,155	116	30	351	2,764	102
August ...	25	46	48	127	427	109	178	153	10	1,379	84	—	314	2,875	115
September	26	33	85	67	392	179	75	134	20	1,192	38	20	324	2,559	98
October ..	27	21	48	83	485	267	64	336	35	1,018	38	—	230	2,625	97
November	25	16	83	136	606	273	150	369	9	1,091	48	43	373	3,197	127
December	23	11	52	100	517	182	89	398	29	1,092	16	4	319	2,809	121
1891.															
January ...	18	15	76	202	524	131	116	283	15	1,176	19	72	385	3,014	167
February	24	20	71	254	476	148	73	163	10	1,100	62	18	352	2,747	114
March ..	24	7	74	193	434	114	75	105	72	1,224	85	14	372	2,769	115
Total ...	286	303	682	1,405	5,338	1,799	1,339	2,485	230	13,881	758	344	3,569	32,133	101

TABLE IX.

Statement of the Work of the Library in all Departments, comprised in the Fourteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	Total.	Daily Average.
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	125,059	347
1878....	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	123,496	427
1879....	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	118,805	458
1880....	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	171,851	578
1881....	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	162,048	566
1882....	289	1,850	52,52	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	182,321	630
1883....	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2.708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	179,506	612
1884....	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	164,568	594
1885....	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	158,604	556
1886....	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	160,823	564
1887....	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	251,739	710
1889-90	{156 {289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	231,852	810
Totals.		17,409	50,340	123,542	9,056	48,381	30,779	987,491	31,941	156,085	457,206	347,330	57,220	2,316,750	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	Total.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	7,908	
1878.....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	9,906	1,998
1879.....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	11,261	1,355
1880.....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	12,721	1,460
1881.....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,307	14,009	1,288
1882.....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	15,519	1,510
1883.....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	17,042	1,523
1884.....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,200	19,506	2,464
1885.....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,055	20,008	1,402
1886.....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	22,072	2,064
1887.....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,058	24,702	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,805	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	30,731	1,761
Total Increase in Classes ...	468	787	1,183	378	769	521	2,931	526	1,473	1,461	7,374	3,052		Gross Increase 22,823

For Key to Classification see Tables VII. and VIII.

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS TO THE LIBRARY,

1890-91.

Accountants and Auditors, Society of—
List of Members, &c., 1890
Adams, Mr. W., Plymouth—
Case of the Sutton Harbour Commissioners and the Guardians
Agent-General of New South Wales—
Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1889-91. By T. A. Coghlan
Agent-General, Tasmania—
Walch's Tasmanian Almanac, 1890
Tasmanian Official Record, 1890. By R. M. Johnston
Official Handbook of Tasmania. By T. C. Just
Alford, Rev. D. P. (Author)—
Four Tavistock Worthies of 17th Cent.
Archer, Mr. M., Newcastle-upon-T. (Author)
William Hedley, the Inventor of Railway Locomotion

Backhouse, Mrs., Sunderland—
Witnesses for Christ. By E. Backhouse and C. Tylor
Bell, Messrs., London—
Catalogue of Books
Bignell, Mr., Stonehouse—
Rpts. of Registrar-Gen. of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 1874, 1889-90
British Museum Trustees, London—
Catalogue of Birds. Vols. 13, 15 and 18
Catalogue of Fossil Reptilia. Part iv.
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Devonshire Records. Second Report of Committee on.. Ed. by J. R. Chanter
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*Our Work at Home & Abroad	M
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*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
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COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

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(April 1st, 1891, to March 31st, 1892)

INCLUDING

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To the Members of the County Council of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting you with the Fifteenth Annual Balance Sheet of the Free Public Library, wherein you will observe that a large amount has been expended in new books during the past twelve months, your Committee feeling assured that in this way the best interests of the institution are maintained. By referring to the statistics given in the Librarian's Report, you will find that the Borough Library has now a large and valuable collection of books, worthy of the town, and quite worthy of being located in a more spacious and presentable building. Your Committee therefore, strongly urge that steps be speedily taken to provide a new library building, befitting the growing requirements of this large town and this exceedingly popular municipal institution.

The Librarian's Report being of a very comprehensive character, leaves little for me to comment upon; but I think it is due from me to state that the large increase in the Library stock has enabled the Librarian (by the authority and under the control of the Committee) to carry out a portion of his long contemplated scheme of establishing branch reading rooms in the outlying districts of the town. By an arrangement with the School Board we have been enabled to open an Evening Reading Room, with a small library of books, at the East End (in Cattedown Road), and this boon is highly appreciated by the residents in that densely populated and rapidly extending district. It is the desire of the Committee to make similar provision for other districts, and we hope that eventually a branch library and reading room may be established in each of the wards of the town, to meet a very pressing need. The thanks of the Committee are due to the School Board for their ready acquiescence in these arrangements.

Under these circumstances I would venture to urge upon you the necessity of granting us the full proceeds of a penny rate, and, if possible, a special grant from Corporate funds of, say, £100, to enable the Committee

to effect this desirable object, as well as to keep the School Libraries (which have proved so very useful and popular) in good working order.

I would call your attention to the various Tables furnished by the Librarian, in which is given a record of the work done at the Library, not only during the past twelve months, but also from the establishment of the Library in 1876: the fifteen years' work showing an aggregate of issues of no less than two millions, five hundred and forty-seven thousand, nine hundred and thirty-eight volumes. These figures alone indicate the value of such an institution in our midst; but to this may be added the visits paid to the News Rooms and other departments; it being estimated that these rooms are visited by about fifteen thousand persons every week. Such results need no comment.

I am glad also to state that the Reference Library Catalogue is now published, which will be found most valuable to all who use that department of the library; one noticeable feature being the Devon and Cornwall collection, to which the Librarian has applied himself most assiduously ever since the establishment of the Library, with very gratifying results.

I am pleased to bear my testimony, on behalf of the Committee, to the zeal and energy displayed by the Chief Librarian in the discharge of his duties, in which he is ably seconded by the Assistant Librarian and the other members of the Library staff.

W. H. LUKE,
Deputy Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

MAY, 1892.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1891, to March 31st, 1892.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank				154	9	7
,, Corporation, in four Quarterly Instalments, as follows:—						
1891—June 24th	300	0	0			
October 1st	300	0	0			
1892—January 4th	250	0	0			
March 18th	250	0	0			
				1100	0	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Tickets				11	9	9
,, Sale of Readers' Medals				1	6	6
,, Sale of Catalogues				1	19	0
,, Sale of Rules				1	19	1
,, Sale of Postcards				1	0	4
,, Sale of Waste Paper				1	8	5
,, Fines and Repayment of Postages				42	14	8
,, Damaged and Lost Books				0	10	8
				£1316	18	0

(Signed) W. H. LUKE, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, and Renovation				51	11	11
,, Salaries, Wages, &c.				405	15	0
,, Printing, Stationery, &c. (General)				25	0	11
,, Printing Annual Report				6	17	6
,, Printing Rules				3	1	0
,, Readers' Medals				2	19	6
,, Gas and Fuel				53	12	11
,, Supply of Library and News Rooms:—						
Books	215	1	7			
Binding	103	5	4			
Newspapers	68	8	8			
Magazines	30	11	5			
				417	7	0
,, Insurance				3	0	0
,, Reference Library Catalogue (Printing and Assistance)				68	13	6
,, Postages, Notices, &c.				7	18	0
,, Railway Carriage and other Charges				10	10	1
,, Cleaning and Sundries				10	15	6
,, Balance Credit in Bank				249	15	2
				£1316	18	0

Audited 2nd May, 1892.

(Signed) S. J. BLEWETT, G. HICKS } *Auditors.*

Librarian's Cash Statement of Library Receipts for 1891-2.

MONTHS.	Sale of Tickets.	Sale of Rules.	Sale of Medals.	Sale of Post Cards.	Sale of Catalogues.	Sale of Waste Paper.	Lost and Damaged Books.	Fines, &c.	TOTALS.
1891.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MARCH	1 13 7	0 0 5	0 1 10	0 1 9	0 3 0	0 0 5	0 1 0	3 7 8	5 9 8
APRIL	1 7 6	0 0 2	0 1 0	0 4 0	0 3 6	0 0 5	..	3 8 4	5 4 11
MAY	0 15 9	..	0 1 8	0 1 11	0 5 9	0 0 5½	..	3 19 10	5 5 4½
JUNE	0 10 10	0 0 4	0 1 4	0 1 2	0 2 9	0 0 3	..	4 13 1	5 9 0
JULY	0 13 5	0 2 11	0 2 6	0 1 1	0 1 3	0 0 2	..	2 9 5	3 10 9
AUGUST	0 17 4	0 3 4	0 4 10	0 1 2	0 2 6	0 0 2	..	2 12 1	4 1 5
SEPTEMBER	1 1 2	0 5 1	0 2 2	0 1 4	0 3 6	0 0 3	0 2 0	3 10 1	5 5 7
OCTOBER	1 6 2	0 7 3	0 4 0	0 1 8	0 7 0	0 0 9½	0 3 0	3 12 7	6 2 5½
NOVEMBER	1 0 11	0 8 4	0 1 2	0 2 0	0 4 3	0 1 11	0 0 2	3 10 11	5 9 8
DECEMBER	0 9 0	0 2 10	0 1 8	0 1 2	0 2 3	0 0 5½	0 1 0	4 14 3	5 12 7½
1892.									
JANUARY	0 15 5	0 4 0	0 2 10	0 1 2	0 1 0	0 1 8	..	3 14 10	5 0 11
FEBRUARY-MARCH	0 18 8	0 4 5	0 1 6	0 1 11	0 2 3	1 1 5½	0 3 6	3 1 7	5 15 3½
TOTALS	11 9 9	1 19 1	1 6 6	1 0 4	1 19 0	1 8 5	0 10 8	42 14 8	62 8 5

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1891-92.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman) and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

This my Fifteenth Annual Report differs but little from those which have preceded it. Our progress has been steady; the popularity of our Institution has been increasing, and another year's work has emphasized the opinion before expressed, that the time has come to make a determined effort to provide better accommodation for our growing needs.

During the year ending 31st March last, our Library Stock has increased by 2,802 volumes. Of this increase, 1,373 have been added to the Lending Department, and 1,429 to the Reference Library. The latter includes the special collection known as the Devon and Cornwall Library, to which no less than 1,144 volumes and pamphlets have been added by gift and purchase; many local writers having presented their works, which have been included in the Catalogue of the Reference Library, now ready. The other items of increase do not call for any special comment, except that I have opened a new Class (S), in which I propose to enter books added to the School Libraries, which had previously been drawn from the other sections, chiefly Class J. In future, therefore, all books loaned to the schools will be classified separately, as I find that this arrangement will interfere less with the ordinary work of the Library. The Library now contains 33,533 volumes, of which 8,325 are in the General Reference Library, 5,464 in the Devon and Cornwall collection, and 19,744 in the Lending Library; a by

no means inconsiderable result of our sixteen years' work. For further information I would refer you to Table I.

The total of our Library receipts during the year, irrespective of the grants from the Corporation, amounts to £62 8*s.* 5*d.*, of which £42 14*s.* 8*d.* is from fines, an excess over the previous year; and £11 9*s.* 9*d.* for tickets, also slightly in advance; the other figures are scarcely noteworthy.

We have issued according to Table II. 2,311 Borrowers' Tickets, as against 1,980 in the previous twelve months. Table III. is about the usual average, and calls for no comment; Table IV. exhibits no special features, and the only remark I would make about Table V. is to note the large preponderance of persons residing in Charles Ward, which is one of the largest wards in the town. Table VI., which gives the occupations of borrowers, is just as usual; but I would draw attention to the fact that no less than 626 persons, out of a total of 2,311, either have no occupation or neglect to state what their occupation may be. Tables VII., VIII., IX. deal with the issues of books in all departments of the library during the year, and these afford opportunity for passing comment, although they do not furnish any new features, the routine of the Library varying but little from year to year. Table VII. shows the work of the Library in all its departments, and from it we see that the issues of books amounted in the aggregate to 231,118 volumes, and that the daily average for the whole period was 797. From Table VIII. we have similar information respecting the Reference Library, showing how the volumes included in the total 43,252 were spread over the various sub-sections into which this department is divided. One of the most interesting tables is No. IX., where we have the aggregate issues from all departments from the first opening of the Library down to the end of March, 1892; showing a total of more than two millions and a quarter of volumes read and consulted in a period extending to a little over fifteen years. I need make no further remarks on these figures.

There are several matters calling for special comment as having occurred during the year.

In the first place, the opening of a Branch Reading Room at the east end of the town has been a step forward, and has been much appreciated by the people residing in that district. The sanction of the School Board having been obtained for the use of

the hall at the Cattedown Road Schools, in accordance with a scheme laid before you some time since, our arrangements were completed and the room opened for the use of the public on the 29th of February last, by the Right Worshipful the Mayor. The attendance on the occasion was large, and included members of the County Council, the School Board, and the Library Committee. A considerable number of working men and others resident at the east end, were present, and several of them took part in the proceedings, the speeches being practical, enthusiastic, and highly appreciative of the work inaugurated. The results so far have been satisfactory, and it is believed that by next season the work in that district will be fully developed, and that our efforts in establishing a small Branch Library as well as a Reading Room will be thoroughly successful. I need scarcely add that it would be a most important thing if we were able to establish similar reading rooms in other districts, notably in the neighbourhood of Mount Street and Cecil Street, as these parts of the town are densely populated, and are far from the centre of operations. My scheme would be eventually to open an Evening Reading Room in each of the six wards of the town.

The School Libraries are now again in full working order; during the winter the whole of the books in circulation have been withdrawn and replaced by others; and I am glad to report that the interest both of teachers and scholars is shewn in the work of this department; in fact there is a constant demand for more books.

Our Library shelves in both departments are full to repletion, and we can with difficulty find room for accessions, although it is absolutely necessary to keep pace with the times in the purchase of new and standard books. I am glad to draw your attention to the largely increased use of the Reference Library, both by readers of books as well as of periodicals. The latter are placed on the tables for free use, having been withdrawn from the over-crowded News Rooms. The issues of books for consultation in the Reference Library during the past year amounted to 43,252 volumes, being an increase of more than 11,000 over the record of the previous year. This is most encouraging, as showing the growing appreciation amongst the townspeople for the more solid and useful literature provided.

The General News Room is as popular as ever; in fact, we are at times most inconveniently crowded, and we are very much

in need of a good magazine room, and better accommodation for lady readers, of whom large numbers take advantage of the privileges so liberally provided.

Another matter of more than ordinary interest which I am able to report, is that the Catalogue of the Reference Library, on which I have been engaged for some years, and which has been in the printer's hands for many months, is at length completed. It is far more bulky than was at first estimated, as a large number of works have been added to the Library since the first sheets were printed, and these works have mostly been included up to the time of going to press with the last sheet in the Addenda to each portion. I can best give you an idea of the nature of the work and the manner in which it has been carried out, by quoting the Preface, which is as follows:—

"THIS compilation, the first distinct Catalogue of the Reference Department of our Borough Library, will be found to contain all the usual works essential to such an Institution, besides including two important special collections, *viz.*, the old Library of the Plymouth Medical Society, transferred from the Old Hospital (some 1600 volumes); and the valuable collection known as the Devon and Cornwall Library.

For convenience of reference the work has been divided into two portions:—

1.—THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

2.—THE DEVON AND CORNWALL LIBRARY.

The first section embraces books in all departments of literature, amounting to nearly 10,000 volumes, which are available to any persons making application for them for purposes of consultation, whether they are residents of Plymouth or not; and it is hoped that the Catalogue will afford a ready index to this large and rapidly growing collection of standard books.

The second section comprises over 5,000 books, pamphlets, maps, charts, prints, and serials relating to the Western Counties, which are placed in a room adjoining the Reference Library, and these also are at the service of students and readers. It is believed that this collection is the largest and most comprehensive ever yet brought together of Devon and Cornwall Literature, forming a valuable nucleus of a Local Library in which shall hereafter be gathered, as far as possible, all the voluminous works relating to a very important district.

The arrangement of these two sections is precisely similar, each consisting of a distinct alphabetical classification, under which Authors' Names, Titles, and Subjects will be most readily found. In the first three hundred and odd pages are given general Reference Works, the titles of these being printed in long primer type, averaging fifty lines to a page, authors'

names being set in blackfaced type to distinguish them from the ordinary title entries. As far as possible, the dates of publication have been given. Attention is called to the special lists which will be found in the body of the Catalogue, such as "British Museum Publications" or "Calendar of State Papers," for example. Under various sub-headings will also be found a number of useful lists to guide the reader. As this Catalogue has been in the printer's hands for a considerable period, the Appendix has grown into rather larger proportions than was at first anticipated, hence the pagination has somewhat over-run the prescribed limits; we have been enabled, however, to include nearly all the books added to this department of the Library up to the date of going to press with the final sheet.

The second portion of the Catalogue (Devon and Cornwall Library) commences on page 305, and occupies (with Appendix) 230 pages. This section has been printed in brevier type, with an average of sixty lines to a page; the proper names of authors being given in a blacker letter than the other entries. Here again, attention should be drawn to the special lists, particularly under the headings, "Cornwall," "Devon," "Devonshire Association," "Plymouth," &c.; a separate classification and special grouping having been adopted, in order to give students and others seeking information the greatest possible assistance in ascertaining the best books on given subjects. The Appendix to this portion of the Catalogue is also very extensive, being chiefly brought about by the gratifying fact that many local authors have contributed books and papers as gifts to the Library since the first portion of this Catalogue has been in type. It will be found that nearly all the well-known writers are here represented, besides many obscure and comparatively unknown authors whose works are here brought together for the first time. The principle adopted in connection with this special local collection is to include whatever relates to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall, generally, or to any place or portion of the same; everything written by natives of the two counties; and all works bearing the imprint of printers in this district. In most cases both the place and date of publication have been given, although, necessarily, many of the entries are somewhat abbreviated. Taking the Reference Catalogue, therefore, as now presented to the public, it may be estimated that it contains about 20,000 separate entries, and the Local Department about 15,000 entries, not including the special lists.

It has been the endeavour of the compiler to compress the matter into the smallest possible space, and to ensure the greatest possible accuracy; but in such a formidable work, extending over a lengthened period, and performed under some disadvantages, absolute accuracy is next to impossible; it is to be hoped, however, that the errors are few and unimportant, and I shall be glad to have the same pointed out to me whenever and by whom they may be discovered.

In conclusion, I trust that those persons who use the Reference

Department of our Library will now at all times be able to select the books they require by means of these useful lists; and I think it only right to state that the Library Committee have supported me throughout in the most liberal manner in my endeavour to increase the usefulness and popularity of the Library. It is earnestly hoped that readers will find in this Catalogue a key to open the great storehouse of knowledge with the least possible expenditure of time, labour, or patience."

The work of printing has been well carried out by Mr. Westcott, who has spared no pains in making the Catalogue a commendable production.

The gifts to the Library during the year have been numerous, but few works of importance have been received. I except a complete set of the "Delphin Classics," a portion of the library of the late Rev. T. Bewes, of Beaumont House, presented by Cecil Bewes, Esq. Recently our walls have been enriched by the presentation of two portraits (oil paintings) of the late Alfred Rooker, Esq., as Mayor, and Charles Norrington, Esq., also in his mayoral robes. These pictures were presented by Mr. W. H. Jennings, executor of the estate of the late Mr. Thomas Doidge, of Union Street, and are very good portraits. Mr. E. Opie presented at the same time a portrait (engraving) of the late Lieut.-Colonel Charles Hamilton Smith, a gentleman well-known in this town half a century since. The picture is from a painting by the donor, now in the Athenæum.

I am happy to state that by the efforts of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, the consolidated Free Libraries' Bill has been lately introduced into Parliament, and having passed the second reading, will soon be discussed in Committee, and it is hoped that sundry desirable amendments may be introduced. I attended the meeting of the L.A.U.K., held at Nottingham in September last, and had the honour to be re-elected upon the Council, and was also appointed a member of the Legislation Committee, to whom was entrusted the duty of drafting the Act above alluded to.

Permit me briefly, in conclusion, to urge more strongly than ever the necessity for proceeding, during the year upon which we have now entered, with the scheme for the erection of a new building upon the site adjoining the Technical Schools, if the sanction of the Council can be obtained. Each year makes the necessity more palpable, and the growing requirements of the

town and of our own institution ought to be taken as a sufficient reason for prompt and decisive action.

At the same time I would offer a suggestion that the house at Beaumont Park might, with great advantage to the town and district, be appropriated for a Museum and Picture Gallery, for which it is well adapted, and placed under the control of this Committee, as is the case in many other towns in the Kingdom. Such a step would be decidedly popular, and the scheme launched in connection with the provision of a new Public Library would be likely to secure substantial help from wealthy and benevolent persons in the neighbourhood. Such an opportunity ought not to be lost.

I have to thank you, gentlemen, for the kindness and consideration with which I have been invariably treated during the sixteen years I have held the office of Chief Librarian, and trusting for a continuance of your favours,

Remain,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT.

April 24th, 1892.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library since the publication of the last Report.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.*	No. of Volumes. 1891.	1892.	Increase in 1892.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy ..	794	816	22
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	1561	1618	57
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	2820	2894	74
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ..	523	601	78
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ..	1256	1303	47
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	990	1008	18
G	Prose Fiction	4304	4582	278
H	Miscellaneous Works	957	970	13
I	Magazines and Reviews	2232	2314	82
J	Juvenile Literature	2934	2997	63
K	Reference Works	8040	8325	285
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	4320	5464	1144
S	Books for Board School Libraries ..		641	641
	Totals	30,731	33,533	2802

* This Classification is used in all the Tables relating to the Lending Library, the Reference Department having a separate Classification. (See Table VIII.)

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per fourteen published Reports ..	39,455
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,311
	41,766

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	79
„ deceased	3
„ withdrawn, no reason given	19
Want of time for reading	8
Guarantors withdrawn	3
Cancelled (unclaimed)	7
Total ..	119

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled 1891-92.

Under 15 years	324
From 15 to 20 years	581
„ 20 to 25 „	326
„ 25 to 30 „	211
„ 30 to 40 „	183
„ 40 to 50 „	104
„ 50 to 60 „	71
„ 60 upwards	57
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	267
„ Non-Burgesses	187
	2311

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total.
Vintry Ward	11	108	119
St. Andrew's Ward	43	415	458
Frankfort Ward	45	352	397
Drake's Ward	35	194	229
Charles Ward	133	621	754
Sutton Ward	48	241	289
Outlying Districts, Borrowers having other qualifications ..		65	65
Totals ..	315	1996	2311

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers enrolled 1891-92

Classification	No.
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	176
Actors and Actresses	3
Agents and Managers	36
Apprentices	41
Architects and Architects' Students	5
Artists	12
Bakers and Confectioners	14
Bankers and Bank Clerks	10
Basket and Brush Makers	2
Booksellers and Stationers	5
Bookbinders	3
Boot and Shoe Makers	13
Brass and Wire Workers	3
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	3
Builders and Contractors	9
Butchers, &c.	5
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners	48
Carvers and Turners	4
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	24
China Dealers	3
Civil Service Officials	6
Clergy and Ministers	15
Coach Builders	4
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	2
Commercial Travellers	13
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	15
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	8
Dentists	3
Domestic Servants	27
Drapers and Hosiers	52
Dyers	3
Electricians	2
Engineers and Engine Fitters	23
Engravers and Lithographers	5
Errand Boys, Office Boys and Messengers	49
Farmers	3
Fish Dealers	4
Forage Dealers	2
Foremen, &c.	3
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	23
Grocers and Tea Dealers	44
Hair Dressers	14
Housekeepers	16
Innkeepers	3
Inspectors	5
Ironmongers	3
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	6
Labourers and Porters	21
Lath-renders	2
Lawyers and Solicitors	7
Library Assistants	12
Lighthouse Keepers	5
Lodging House Keepers	4
Machinists	9
Mariners	4
Married Women (so specified)	29
Masons and Plasterers	15
Medical Men	5
Merchants and Manufacturers	14
Milliners and Dressmakers	56
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	9
Nurses	4
Officers, Army and Navy	23
Painters and Decorators	25
Pawnbrokers	3
Pensioners	9
Photographers	8
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	13
Police Officers	5
Post Office Employés	22
Printers and Compositors	32
Railway Officials	12
Saddlers	2
School Children and Students	228
Schoolmasters, Mistresses and Teachers	107
Seedsmen	2
Shipwrights	13
Shopkeepers	16
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	7
Spinsters (so specified)	6
Tailors, Outfitters, &c.	48
Tobacconists	4
Upholsterers	5
Veterinary Surgeons	2
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	15
Widows (so specified)	3
Miscellaneous Occupations	104
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupations	626
Total	2311

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in all Departments, from April 1st, 1891, to March 31st, 1892, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages, and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	S—Schools.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1891.																
April ..	26	102	282	708	30	201	148	5,573	164	872	8,741	2,855	483		20,159	775
May ...	25	101	270	727	45	187	152	5,768	166	879	8,575	3,924	495		21,289	851
June ...	26	56	194	588	47	138	139	4,519	39	634	8,289	3,833	374		18,850	725
July ...	17	22	104	297	27	115	45	2,913	23	374	4,280	2,934	158		11,292	664
August ...	25	64	151	453	28	173	89	5,132	54	684	4,783	3,580	118		15,309	612
September	26	65	230	593	49	238	125	5,301	209	692	8,446	3,392	318		19,658	757
October ...	27	79	279	728	62	277	139	6,228	120	803	10,612	4,018	555		23,900	888
November	25	76	231	705	67	248	132	5,649	100	704	8,699	4,031	323		20,965	838
December	24	77	223	563	31	174	114	4,513	78	745	8,506	3,831	313		19,168	798
1892.																
January ...	17	42	91	299	18	139	63	3,340	80	627	3,451	3,029	234	2,650	14,063	828
February	25	64	172	475	37	223	111	5,308	85	914	9,229	3,872	237	3,600	24,327	973
March ...	27	67	262	443	41	226	95	5,645	86	855	5,208	3,953	227	5,100	22,208	822
Total ..	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	11,350	231,188	797

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1891, to March 31st, 1892, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1891.															
April ...	26	5	69	164	482	159	77	44	51	1,284	111	32	377	2,855	109
May ...	25	16	108	193	570	241	93	67	57	1,999	115	60	405	3,924	156
June ...	26	19	80	177	552	159	50	138	28	2,121	90	28	391	3,833	147
July ...	17	10	58	162	425	156	87	123	24	1,407	64	96	322	2,934	172
August ...	25	18	69	164	503	237	60	84	13	1,901	67	32	432	3,580	143
September	26	33	41	136	503	231	58	107	14	1,769	85	13	402	3,392	130
October ...	27	34	52	184	550	240	54	203	10	2,123	71	15	482	4,018	148
November	25	43	70	180	494	123	54	235	15	2,364	64	—	389	4,031	161
December	24	13	67	149	490	110	13	177	11	2,266	102	39	394	3,831	159
1892.															
January ...	17	19	56	111	472	97	24	52	1	1,774	47	59	317	3,029	178
February	25	19	56	138	531	119	69	71	17	2,332	70	125	325	3,872	154
March ..	27	23	57	146	504	139	51	79	34	2,451	57	108	304	3,953	146
Total ...	290	252	783	1,904	6,076	2,011	690	1,380	275	23,791	943	607	4,540	43,252	149

TABLE IX.

Statement of the Work of the Library in all Departments, comprised in the fifteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	Total.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	.. ..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	11,350	231,188	797
Totals.		18,224	52,829	130,121	9,538	50,720	32,131	1,047,380	33,145	164,368	546,025	390,582	61,055	11,350	2,547,938	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	Total.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	7,008	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	9,906	1,098
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,200	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,550	3,805	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,634	8,040	4,320	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	641	33,533	2,802
Total Increase in Classes	490	874	1,257	456	816	539	3,209	539	1,555	1,524	7,059	5,096	641		Gross Increase 25,025

* For Key to Classification see Tables VII. and VIII.

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Tie and Trick .. Hawley Smart
A Cigarette-Maker's Romance. 2 vols. F. Marion Crawford
Basil & Annette. 3 vols. .. B. L. Farjeon
Marooned. 3 vols. .. W. C. Russell
Cross-Roads. 3 vols. .. May Crommelin
A Heavy Reckoning. 3 vols. .. E. Werner
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My Shipmate Louise. 3 vols. .. W. Clark Russell
Margaret Byng. 2 vols. .. F. C. Phillips
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By the Author of "The Atelier Du Lys"
Captain-General .. W. J. Gordon
Savage London .. Mrs. Musgrave
Frank Fairlegh .. F. E. Smedley
Harry Lorrequir .. Charles Lever
A New light Thrown across the Keep-it-quite-Darkest Africa F. C. Burnand
Three Men in a Boat .. Jerome K. Jerome
East Lynne .. Mrs. Henry Wood
A Cast for Fortune .. Christian Reid
A Sappho of Green Spring .. Bret Harte
Two Soldiers .. .. Capt. C. King
Mystery of a Millionaire's Grave .. Gordon Stables
Lottie Lonsdale .. E. J. Worboise
Jacob Faithful .. Capt. Marryat
Better Dead .. .. J. M. Barrie
An Evil Spirit. 2 vols. .. Richard Pryce
Glencoonoge. 3 vols. .. R. B. S. Knowles
Miner's Right. 3 vols. Rolf Boldrewood
His Cousin Adair. 3 vols. Gordon Roy
A Strange Affair. 3 vols. W. O. Tristram
Beryl Fortescue. 3 vols. Lady Duffus-Hardy
House of Rimmon. 3 vols. J. G. Bettany
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In the Lap of Fortune .. Do.
Cruel London .. Do.
Tallants of Barton .. Do.
Valley of Poppies .. Do.
Queen of Bohemia .. Do.
Christopher Kenrick .. Do.
Silver Whistle .. .. "Naseby"
Eric Brighteyes .. H. Rider Haggard
Smuggler. 3 vols.
Diana. 3 vols. .. .. G. M. Craik
A Golden Age .. .. Ismay Thorn

Work.

Joan Wentworth .. K. S. Macquoid
Astray .. .. C. M. Yonge
A Sydney-Side Saxon .. Rolf Boldrewood
Story of an African Farm .. O. Schreiner
Bondman .. .. Hall Caine
A Colonial Reformer .. Rolf Boldrewood
A Double Knot .. Geo. M. Fenn
Stand Fast, Craig-Royston .. W. Black
Light that Failed .. Rudyard Kipling
Life's Handicap .. Do.
Plain Tales from the Hills Do.
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Under the Southern Cross .. Mrs. Charles
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Young Mr. Ainslie's Courtship .. F. C. Philips
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Amos Kilbright .. F. R. Stockton
News from Nowhere .. William Morris
Rane. A Legend of the Indian Mutiny Gillean
Aunt Rachel. 2 vols. .. D. C. Murray
Wormwood. 3 vols. .. Marie Corelli
There and Back. 3 vols. G. MacDonald
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One of our Conquerors. 3 vols. .. George Meredith
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A Marriage at Sea. 2 vols. .. .. W. Clark Russell
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Honourable Miss. 2 vols. .. L. T. Meade
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Arminell. 3 vols. .. S. Baring-Gould
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Myddleton Pomfret .. W. H. Ainsworth
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Work.

Wild Darrie .. D. C. Murray and others
New York to Brest in Seven Hours .. Andrè Laurie
Sir Ludar .. .. T. B. Reed
Story of Eleanor Lambert (Pseudonym Library) .. Magdalen Brooke
Mystery of the Campagna and a Shadow on a Wave (Do.) .. Von Degen
School of Art (Do.) .. Isabel Snow
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European Relations (Do.) .. T. Dalin
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Arum Field; or, Life's Reality .. Mrs. Jerome Mercier
Three Bright Girls .. A. E. Armstrong
Blue Pavilions .. .. "Q."
Cecilia de Noël .. "Lanoe Falconer"
Freville Chase. 2 vols. .. E. H. Dering
Sherborne! 3 vols. .. Do.
In all Shades. 3 vols. .. Grant Allen
Lucilla. 2 vols. .. Mrs. MacDonald
Brandreths. 3 vols. .. A. J. B. Hope
Riddle of Lawrence Haviland, Do. ..
Jane Shore! .. .. Mrs. Bennett
A very Simple Story; and Wild Mike .. Florence Montgomery
Old Stories Re-Told .. Walter Thornbury
Godolphin .. .. Lord Lytton
Stories of Waterloo .. W. H. Maxwell
Debit and Credit (2 cop.) Gustav Freytag
Rector of St. Judy .. W. Soleman
Pelham (2 copies) .. Lord Lytton
Auriol! .. .. W. H. Ainsworth
Devereux .. .. Lord Lytton
James Duke .. William Gilbert
Forty-Five Guardsmen .. A. Dumas
Countess de Charny .. Do.
Black Sheep .. Edmund Yates
Giulio Malatesta .. T. A. Trollope
Mountain Marriage .. Capt. M. Reid
Curse of Clifton .. Mrs. E. Southworth
Contarini Fleming .. Beaconsfield
Alice; or, the Mysteries .. Lord Lytton
Destiny! or, the Chieftain's Daughter .. By the Author of "Marriage"
Lotta Schmidt .. Anthony Trollope

Work.

Pamela! or, Virtue Rewarded .. Samuel Richardson
Samuel Brohl & Partner .. V. Cherbuliez
Marriage .. .. Miss Ferrier
Inheritance .. .. Do.
Destiny .. .. Do.
Miss Hitchcock's Wedding Dress.. By the Author of "Mrs. Jerningham's Journal"
Orange Blossoms .. Edt. by T. S. Arthur
Conspirators .. Alexandre Dumas
Reuben Medlicott .. M. W. Savage
Inheritance; or, True Love Wins .. By the Author of "Marriage"
Amaryllis (Pseudonym Library)
Russian Priest (Do.)
Through the Red-Litten Windows and the Old River House (Do.) .. T. Hertz-Garten
Squatter's Dream .. Rolf Boldrewood
A Strange Elopement .. W. C. Russell
Robbery Under Arms .. R. Boldrewood
Sapphira (2 vols. in 1) .. Sarah Tytler
Hôtel d'Angleterre (Pseudonym Library) Lanoe Falconer
Tales of Country Life in La Gruyère .. L. Dora Congreve
Little Minister .. .. J. M. Barrie
Between Life & Death. 3 vols... F. Barrett
Heritage of Dedlow Marsh and Other Tales. 2 vols. .. Bret Harte
Alderman's Children. 3 vols. J.B.Richards
An Old Maid's Love. 3 vols. M. Maartens
Humbling His Pride. 3 vols. C.T.C.James
Violet Moses. 3 vols. Leonard Merrick
St. Katherine's by the Tower. 3 vols. Walter Besant
Colonel Starbottle's Client .. B. Harte
Wonderful Adventures of Phra the Phœnician. 3 vols. .. E. L. Arnold
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Study in Scarlet .. A. Conan Doyle
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Denzil Quarrier .. George Gissing
Talking Horse .. .. F. Anstey
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Class H.—Miscellaneous.

Work.

Ignorant Essays .. R. Dowling
Indolent Essays .. Do.
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Recreations of a Literary Man .. P. Fitzgerald
Eighteenth Century Waifs .. J. Ashton
Manners maketh Man .. Rev. E. J. Hardy

Work.

How to be Happy though Married Do.
Sartor Resartus .. .. T. Carlyle
Essays in Little .. .. A. Lang
History of Pickwick .. P. Fitzgerald
Frenchman in America .. Max O'Rell
Business of Life .. Rev. E. J. Hardy
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CLASS J.—Juvenile Works.

Work.

Young Ranchmen .. C. R. Kenyon
Basil Woollcombe .. A. L. Knight
Tour Round My Garden .. A. Karr
Knight and the Dwarf .. C. Mills
Heroic Adventure
Ribbon Stories .. .. Lady Barker
Stories About .. .. Do.
Peter Penniless .. G. C. Davies
Labour and Victory .. A. H. Japp
Great Minds in Art .. W. Tirebuck
Leaders of Men .. .. H. A. Page
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Danish Fairy Legends and Tales .. H. C. Andersen
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Presents to Youths & Young Men (2 cop.) E. Shorthouse
Tasmanian Friends & Foes L. A. Meredith
Pirates of the Prairies .. Gustave Aimard
Boy's Own Annual Vol. 12, 1889-90 ..
Young England Vol. 11, 1890 ..
Three Commanders W. H. G. Kingston
Young Franc Tireurs .. G. A. Henty
Adventures of Mrs. Wishing-To-Be .. Alice Corkran
Nutbrown Roger & I .. J. H. Yoxall
Danish Fairy Legends and Tales .. H. C. Andersen
Light Princess .. G. MacDonald
Edwy the Fair .. Rev. A. D. Crake
Rival Heirs .. Do.
Alfgar the Dane .. Do.

Work.

House of Walderne .. Do.
Brian Fitz Count .. .. Do.
My First Voyage to Southern Seas .. W. H. G. Kingston
Ungava! .. .. R. M Ballantyne
When Mother was little .. S. P. Yorke
Madame's Grand-Daughter F. M. Peard
Blacks and Bushrangers E. B. Kennedy
House of Surprises .. L. T. Meade
Wild Life under the Equator Paul du Chaillu
Thousand Miles in the Rob Roy Canoe .. J. MacGregor
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To the West .. .. Geo. M. Fenn
Three Boys .. .. Do.
Held fast for England .. G. A. Henty
Dash for Khartoum .. Do.
Biography of a Locomotive Engine .. Henry Frith
Knight without Spurs Mrs. James Martin
Buffalo Runners .. R. M. Ballantyne
How I spent my Summer Holidays in 1876 By an Eton Boy
Lost on the Moor .. .. Tafly
Joan's Victory Author of Starwood Hall
Mistress Phil .. Mary H. Debenham
Constable's Tower .. C. M. Yonge
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From Middy to Admiral of the Fleet .. Dr. Macaulay
Star-Land .. .. Sir R. S. Ball
Story of the Life of Mackay of Uganda.. By his Sister

CLASSES K and L.—For Additions to these Departments the new Catalogue of the Reference Library should be consulted.

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* Presented by Publishers and others.

D—*Daily*. W—*Weekly*. F—*Fortnightly*. M—*Monthly*. Q—*Quarterly*.

*Advertiser	W
Agricultural Economist	M
*Alliance News	W
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Animal World	M
Argosy (2 copies)	M
Army List	M
Art Journal	M
Art Magazine	M
*Assure	M
Athenæum	W
Atalanta	M
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange & Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
Bickford's Magazine	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Birmingham Daily Gazette	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
British Book Maker	M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century	M
*Chamber of Commerce Journal	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charity Record	F
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Reformer	M
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
Classical Review	M
Contemporary Review	M
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish and Devon Post	W
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Courier de Londres et de l'Europe	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset Weekly News	W
*Devon Evening Express	D
Draper's Record	W
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
*Electricity	W
Engineer	W
*English Churchman (2 copies)	W
English Historical Review	Q
*English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
*Enquire Within	W
Ex Libris Journal	M
*Falmouth and Penryn Times	W
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
Figaro	W
*Fireside News	W
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Fun	W
Gardeners' Magazine	W
Gentlewoman (2 copies)	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic	W
*Greater Britain	M
*Hampshire Independent	W
Hardwicke's Science Gossip	M
Harper's Monthly	M
*Heretic	M
*Home	M
*Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
*Ilfracombe Observer	W
Illustrated London News	W
*Imperial Federation	M
*In His Name	M
*Insurance and Banking	M
*Insurance and Financial Gazette	M
*Insurance Reformer	M

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*Invention	W
*Inventor	M
Judy	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Ladies' Treasury	M
Lady's Pictorial	W
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Leeds Mercury	D
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberal Unionist	M
*Liberator	M
*Light	W
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's (2 copies)	M
Ludgate Monthly	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
*Magic Lantern	M
*Medium and Daybreak (2 copies)	W
Merry England	M
*Metropolitan	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
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*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
Newbery House Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies)	W
New Review	M
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
Notes and Gleanings	M
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottinghamshire Guardian	W
*Our own Gazette	M
*Our Work at Home and Abroad	M
*Oxford University Extension Gazette	M
*Paignton Observer	W
Pall Mall Budget	W
Pall Mall Gazette	D
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Journals	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Pictorial World	W
*Plymouth Ha'porth	W
Practical Photographer	M
*Present Truth	M
*Printers' Register	M
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	
Review of Reviews	M
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
*St. Austell Weekly News	W
*Salcombe Times	W
Saturday Review	W
Scribner's	M
Scotsman	W
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
*Song and Speech	M
South American Journal	W
*South Australian Chronicle	W
*South-Western Gazette	M
Speaker	W
Spectator	W and M
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
Standard	D
Strand Magazine	M
Sunday at Home	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
*Teignmouth Times	W
Temperance Advocate	M
Temperance Herald	M
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (Weekly Edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Unity and Friendly Societies	M
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Western Amateur	M
Western Antiquary (2 copies)	M
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
*Western Daily Press	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (Bi-copies)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
Western Magazine and Portfolio	M
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Western World	M
Westminster Review	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Sixteenth Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS

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(From April 1st, 1892, to March 31st, 1893)

INCLUDING

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REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
LIST OF PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY,
NAMES OF DONORS, &c.

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HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the County Council of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

The Report which I have now the pleasure of presenting to you on behalf of the Free Library Committee is of the most satisfactory character, as it shows steady progress in all departments of Library work and an increasing appreciation on the part of the people of the advantages offered.

Our financial position is good, inasmuch as, in addition to paying all the establishment charges, we have expended more than two hundred pounds in the purchase of new books, thus adding greatly to the practical utility of the Library. This sum also includes a large sum spent in renewals, the wear and tear of a large circulation necessitating frequent additions to the Library stock.

In the same way the item for binding will cover the cost of a large proportion of books which have required re-binding, chiefly of those in use in the Schools—one of the most popular features of our administration.

We have also done our best to keep the ordinary stock of the Library in perfect order, and to bind up volumes of magazines and periodicals as permanent additions to the Library. It will also be observed that we have spent nearly one hundred pounds in the provision of newspapers and magazines, these departments of the Library being exceedingly popular. The opening of a Branch Reading Room in the East end of the town has somewhat increased our working expenses, and also the item for newspapers and periodicals, but we believe that this is money well spent, and that although the room is as yet but little used, there is a great future in store for these district reading rooms. Accordingly, we are taking steps for opening another reading room on the same lines in the West end of the town.

The other items in the Balance Sheet call for no particular comment, but it is satisfactory to note that we close the financial year with a substantial balance in our favour, to meet any exceptional charges that may arise in connection with the various schemes now under consideration for the extension of our work.

The chief of these is the project for a new Library, which has been agitated again and again for years past, and the time now seems opportune for a decision to be arrived at on this most important matter.

I would refer to the Librarian's Report for details of the schemes which have been brought formally under your notice, and on behalf of the Library Committee I would most earnestly support the project for the erection of a new Library building on the ground adjoining the Technical Schools in Tavistock Road. The need for this provision is patent to all, the present building being ill suited for the growing requirements of a large library,

besides which, it is more and more evident that a town of the size and importance of Plymouth should possess a Library building of which the inhabitants may be proud, and which should be equal to the necessities of the Borough for the next fifty years.

The following is the text of the application made to the Land Committee on the 2nd February last, which I am now empowered to make to you on behalf of the Library Committee, who have carefully considered the whole matter in all its bearings :—

"The Committee of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Plymouth desire to make formal application to the Plymouth County Council, through the Land Committee of that body, for a site for a new Library building, and, understanding that a piece of land adjoining the Technical Schools, bordered by Pound Street and Rowe Street, is as yet unappropriated, they beg leave to request that such land be placed at their disposal, in order that they may, with the sanction, and acting under the control of the Council, erect thereon a building as a Public Library, which shall be equal to the requirements of the Borough, and more in keeping with the other public buildings and municipal institutions of the town. They need scarcely point to the fact that the present building in Whimple Street is no longer suitable for the requirements of a large and growing institution; and they would moreover urge the desirability of placing a new Library contiguous to the recently-established Art and Technical Schools."

Under these circumstances it is hoped that you will, without further hesitation or delay, appropriate the site formerly occupied by the Town Mills, and bordered by Pound Street and Rowe Street, to the Library Committee, upon which they may be allowed to erect a building of size and importance equal to the growing requirements of this large Borough, and one which shall be an ornament to the town.

We do not propose any addition to the Borough expenditure on this account, as we hope to be able to pay the cost of the building from our own income, presuming, of course, that the income shall increase from year to year with the increase of the rateable value of the town.

Some changes in the staff have taken place recently, the Assistant Librarian having been appointed to a good position in London; this being the second of Mr. Wright's pupils who have been so fortunate. The Committee are pleased at this additional evidence of the advantages of our Library in training young men for a career of great usefulness.

Yours truly,

W. H. LUKE,

Deputy Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

May, 1893.

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1892, to March 31st, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Naval Bank, 31st March, 1892 ..				249	15	2
,, Corporation (per Borough Treasurer), in four Quarterly Instalments, as follows:—						
1892—July 5th	300	0	0			
September 28th	300	0	0			
December 31st	300	0	0			
1893—March 28th	259	0	0			
				1159	0	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Tickets				10	14	4
,, Sale of Readers' Medals				0	13	2
,, Sale of Catalogues				4	0	3
,, Sale of Rules				1	12	8
,, Sale of Postcards				0	12	0
,, Sale of Old Papers				1	8	6
,, Fines from defaulting Borrowers				40	17	10
,, Damaged and Lost Books				0	13	4
,, Annual Subscriptions—Non-Residents				4	5	0
				£1473	12	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, and Renovation				30	17	8
,, Salaries and Wages				445	0	0
,, Printing and Stationery (general)				30	15	10
,, Printing Annual Report				6	11	0
,, Supply of Library and News-Rooms:—						
Books	213	6	8			
Binding	110	11	2			
Magazines	21	4	7			
Newspapers	76	9	10			
				421	12	3
,, Gas and Fuel				51	14	8
,, Insurance				3	15	0
,, Catalogue and Assistance				62	12	10
,, Railway and other charges				15	1	7
,, Postages, Notices, etc.				9	1	5
,, Cleaning and Sundries				13	5	7
,, Balance Credit in Bank, April 1st, 1893				383	4	5
				£1473	12	3

Audited May 2nd, 1893.

(Signed) W. H. LUKE, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(Signed) S. J. BLEWETT, G. HICKS } *Auditors.*

Librarian's Cash Statement of Library Receipts for 1892-3.

MONTHS.	Sale of Tickets.	Sale of Rules.	Sale of Medals.	Sale of Post Cards.	Sale of Catalogues.	Sale of Waste Paper.	Lost and Damaged Books.	Subscriptions	Fines, &c.	Totals.
1892.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MARCH	1 5 5	0 4 4	0 2 0	0 1 4	0 3 3	0 1 10½	0 9 10	..	3 5 3	5 13 3½
APRIL	1 2 4	0 2 1	0 1 6	0 0 8	0 11 6	0 1 4½	..	..	3 11 8	5 11 1½
MAY	0 14 3	0 1 7	0 1 8	0 1 8	0 13 6	0 0 4½	..	..	3 10 7	5 3 7½
JUNE	0 11 0	0 0 11	0 0 8	0 0 9	0 6 6	0 0 8½	..	..	3 14 3	4 14 9½
JULY	0 12 6	0 2 3	0 1 2	0 0 9	0 6 6	0 1 3	..	..	2 18 4	4 2 9
AUGUST	0 19 1	0 2 7	0 0 8	0 1 1	0 8 0	0 0 10	..	..	2 18 2	4 10 5
SEPTEMBER	0 19 9	0 2 8	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 3 0	0 0 9	..	..	3 4 1	4 12 6
OCTOBER	1 4 9	0 5 3	0 1 2	0 0 10	0 4 0	0 1 3	..	1 15 0	4 3 6	7 15 9
NOVEMBER	0 19 9	0 4 8	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 8 0	0 0 9½	..	1 10 0	3 5 6	6 10 4½
DECEMBER	0 11 5	0 2 3	0 0 10	0 0 7	0 2 0	0 2 4	..	..	5 2 6	6 1 11
1893.										
JANUARY	0 16 11	0 3 3	0 1 6	0 0 9	0 11 0	0 15 10	..	0 5 0	2 8 6	5 2 9
FEBRUARY	0 17 2	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 3 0	0 1 1½	0 3 6	0 15 0	2 15 6	4 17 9½
TOTALS	10 14 4	1 12 8	0 13 2	0 12 0	4 0 3	1 8 6	0 13 4	4 5 0	40 17 10	64 17 1

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1892-93.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman) and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you the record of another year's work in connection with our institution, I can again point to satisfactory progress in all departments, as proved by the figures appearing in the various Tables. This, my sixteenth annual report, covers a period of twelve months, viz., from April 1st, 1892, to March 31st, 1893; and I am glad to say that no exceptional circumstances have occurred to interfere with our work.

The number of Borrowers enrolled during the year amounted to 2,270; of this number 75 have identified themselves with the Branch Reading Room at Cattedown Road. Particulars as to these, their respective ages, residences, and occupations will be found in Tables IV., V., VI., respectively, and these present no novel features.

Table I. is, as usual, a record of additions made to the Library in the several classes. This requires some explanation, as, although a large increase has been made, yet the nett result of the year's purchases does not stand so high as on some previous occasions. This is accounted for by the fact that a great number of the books which were formerly entered under Class J (Juvenile Works) have been transferred to another section (Class S), and these have been applied exclusively to the use of the School Libraries. The reason for this re-arrangement is obvious; it being found exceedingly inconvenient to have a large number of volumes belong-

ing to our ordinary Lending Department in constant circulation amongst the schools. Consequently, I have withdrawn the greater number from our own stock, and placed them in this special class, where they will be available as required at the schools until worn out, or until such time as a general transfer is necessary. I have also started another class (Class T), to form a nucleus for a Branch Library; and these are placed, with others, at Cattedown Road, for the use of borrowers and casual readers. It will be seen that whereas, at the last report, we had 2,997 volumes in Class J, we have now only 2,272: but that Class S contains 1,620 volumes: besides which there are about 1,000 volumes in the School Libraries, drawn from other classes. These I hope eventually to withdraw or transfer to Class S, making up, from this and other sources, the total of 3,123 volumes required for the Schools and other Branches. Further, I hope to be able to transfer to Class T, many books which we have in duplicate, and thus build up, as opportunity offers, a reserve stock for the use of such district libraries as may hereafter be established.

The Library in all its departments now contains 35,361 volumes; there having been a gross increase of 2,553 volumes during the past year, but this number is reduced by 725 volumes withdrawn from Class J, making the nett increase 1828 volumes.

The additions to the various classes have been as follows:—A 51, B 60, C 61, D 24, E 51, F 67, G 167, H 11, I 128, J *nil*, K 305, L 539, S 979, T 110.

It will be noticed that the increase in Classes K and L (forming the Reference Library) are the most numerous; the Devon and Cornwall Department continuing to receive a large share of the accessions, and these are of exceptional value.

The Lending Library now contains over 20,000 volumes, and the Reference Library about 15,000 volumes.

In November last you sanctioned an increase in the number of volumes lent to the Public School, Cobourg Street; and by an arrangement with Chief Constable J. D. Sowerby and his officers, 100 volumes are now loaned to the Borough Police Force. A small lot of books has also been lent to Mr. E. G. Dyke, the Master, for the use of the inmates of the Plymouth Workhouse Infirmary. This shows how the usefulness of our Library is extending, and it also indicates the direction in which further developments might be effected.

The following is a summary of the number of volumes on loan in the various schools and branches which are already associated with us :—

	Vols.
Board Schools :—	
Cattedown Road Boys' School	100
Cattedown Road Girls' „	100
Cattedown Road Mixed „	120
King Street Boys' School	200
Mount Street Boys' „	200
Mount Street Girls' „	120
Oxford Street Girls' „	200
Palace Court Boys' „	150
Palace Court Girls' „	150
Sutton Road Girls' „	100
Treville Street Boys' „	150
Union Street Boys' „	250
Union Street Girls' „	150
Wolsdon Street Girls' „	100
Other Branches :—	
Cattedown Road Evening Reading Room ...	333
Plymouth Police Force	100
Plymouth Public School	500
Plymouth Workhouse	100
Total	3123

You have recently received a deputation from the Western District Ratepayers' Association, relative to the establishment of another Evening Reading Room in the west end of the town. By your instructions I visited various schools, and inspected other rooms in the neighbourhood of King Street and Union Street; the choice eventually falling upon the Union Street Board School, in Summerland Place. Acting under your authority, I made an application to the School Board for permission to use a room at the above school, under conditions similar to those in connection with Cattedown Road.

The following reply from the Clerk of the School Board has just been received, and I now await further instructions, on receipt of which I will take immediate steps for carrying out your wishes, in order that an evening reading room may be opened in that locality without delay :—

"Your application for the use of the Union Street Infants' School Main Room as a Branch Evening Reading Room was brought before the Board on Tuesday last. Having been favourably entertained, the School Management Committee will now proceed to make the necessary arrangements. I will communicate with you again."

Referring to Tables VII., VIII., and IX., I would point to the large and steady increase in the number of issues of books for home reading—a very satisfactory sign of progress and popularity. The aggregate issues amounted to more than a quarter of a million, a large increase being due to the schools. There has been also a considerable increase in the use of books in the Reference Library, which reached nearly fifty thousand volumes. A falling off will be observed under Class L; this is attributable to the fact that the Local Books are now placed in the Reference Library for consultation, and only a few are issued on loan. Further comment on these figures is needless, as they tell their own tale; and it would be merely a recapitulation of what I have said in former years.

In Table IX. I have given a statement of the number of volumes issued on loan and consulted in the Reference Library in the period covered by our sixteen reports (1876-1893), the aggregate total amounting to more than two and three-quarter millions.

Table X. shows the state of the Library stock for the same period, and illustrates the steady growth of the Library.

In the Appendix will be given the usual information as to Donations, and the principal additions in the various classes; also a revised list of Periodicals supplied to the Central News Rooms, and to the Cattedown Road Branch.

As regards our General News Rooms, I am happy to say that there is no falling off in the attendance, and that the better class Magazines and Reviews which are placed upon the tables in the Reference Library are freely used, a growing sign of the appreciation for high-class literature. Of these no record is taken, and the Directories and other works of reference are placed within easy reach of readers, who are allowed free access to the shelves.

The Evening Reading Room at Cattedown Road has now been in active work for about twelve months. The attendance has been fair, but has not been so large as could be wished, the average being, for the whole period, 156 weekly, or 23 daily. Since the beginning of the present year, however, the average

attendance has much improved, the weekly totals being considerably in excess of those recorded twelve months ago, the average for eight weeks being 217, and the daily average for the same period being 36. It may be that some additional publicity is required; but placed as it is, in a locality where the bulk of the population are of the labouring classes, it is a matter of surprise that more men and women do not avail themselves of the advantages brought within their reach. The room is admirably suited for the purpose; it is cheerful and well-lighted, and is supplied with a goodly number of periodicals, daily, weekly, and monthly, and also a small library of popular books which may be read on the premises or borrowed for home reading. At the commencement of the next winter season it may be desirable to bring the claims and advantages of this branch reading room more prominently before the people of the district.

In my last Report I spoke at length of the new Reference Library Catalogue, which had then been recently completed. This work has proved a most valuable handbook to the contents of our Library, and is highly approved by my brother librarians, as well as by many visitors to the Library. But I must confess to feelings of disappointment at the small demand for copies on the part of our readers, considering the heavy outlay, both of labour and money, in its compilation and preparation. In the face of this, I would respectfully suggest that we should cease the issue of such expensive complete catalogues of the whole Library, and commence at once a series of sectional catalogues, which could be sold for one penny or twopence, and would thus meet the requirements of various classes of readers in succession. I leave this matter for your serious consideration.

The Bill for the Consolidation of the Free Libraries' Acts, which was promoted by the Library Association, was passed in the closing days of the last Parliament, and came into operation on the 1st October last. Being a member of the Legislation Committee, I was present at the various meetings held to discuss the clauses of the Bill, and also attended at the House of Commons when it was down for the third reading. We succeeded in passing through Committee one or two amendments which are embodied in the Bill, and which will be of great service in the future working of the Acts. One of these I would specially refer to, the practical application of which will be found in the following circular, which by your authority was issued in October last:—

BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

(Established 1876.)

Extension of Privileges to Non-Residents.

By an act of Parliament which came into operation on the 1st of October, 1892, Library Authorities have been empowered to lend books to persons residing outside the boundaries of the Municipality. Acting under this provision the Library Committee of Plymouth have made arrangements by which books will be issued to non-residents for home use on very low terms, *viz.*, a Subscription of 5s. per annum.

Persons residing at Mannamead, Stoke Damerel, Stonehouse, Plympton, Plymstock, Oreston, Laira, Turnchapel, and other places in the immediate neighbourhood of the Three Towns, may now take advantage of this large and growing library, which contains over 30,000 volumes of books in all departments of literature, and is constantly receiving additions of current works.

Intending Subscribers should apply for a Special Voucher at once, which, on being certified, will be exchanged for a Borrower's Ticket, and a receipt given for the Subscription. These Tickets are not transferable, and can be used only by one member of a family; but no restriction is placed upon the number of tickets issued to one household. Each borrower is allowed to take a complete work at a single issue, if desired, provided that the number of volumes does not exceed three. Books may be exchanged daily, or renewed from time to time, to suit the convenience of the borrower, provided that they be not required by any other borrower. Borrowers may also bespeak books which are not in on first application.

Subscribers are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Library.

The Lending Library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Wednesdays the Library closes at Two o'clock; on Saturdays it remains open until Ten o'clock.

Non-residents have also the privilege of using the News Rooms and Reference Library Free.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,
Borough Librarian.

Free Public Library, Plymouth,
October 20th, 1892.

This has borne fruit already, a considerable number of persons residing in the suburbs having availed themselves of the advantages offered at so small a charge.

The Town Clerk (Mr. J. H. Ellis), in the Agenda for the Council, 9th November last, has the following summary of the Act, which I venture to insert here, as of more than passing interest and importance:—

THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT, 1892,

Came into operation on the 1st October, and consolidates and amends the law relating to public libraries in boroughs such as Plymouth. It repeals the Public Libraries Act, 1855, and the Acts relating to free libraries passed in 1860, 1871, 1884, 1887, 1889, and 1890.

The Limit of the rate to a 1d. in the £ is preserved.

The Act empowers the Council as the Library Authority to provide and furnish either independently of or in connection with its existing institutions, public libraries, public museums, schools for science, art galleries, and schools for art. No charge must be made for admission to a library or museum or for the use of the lending library to any inhabitant of Plymouth, but persons not inhabitants of Plymouth may be allowed to use the lending library either gratuitously or for payment.

Facilities are given for selling or letting land vested in the Council for library purposes, the proceeds of the sale to be applied in purchasing land better adapted for library purposes. Rents and profits of lands let are also to be applied for library purposes.

Persons holding land for ecclesiastical, parochial, or charitable purposes, may sell or give land not exceeding one acre in extent to the Corporation for the purposes of the Act.

The powers of the Council as the Library Authority for the management, regulation, and control of libraries, museums, art galleries, and schools, may be delegated to a committee, whose members need not be members of the Council, and the committee will, to the extent of the delegation, be the Library Authority.

Power is given to accept grants from Parliament upon terms of complying with conditions prescribed by the Department of Science and Art, and to borrow money with the sanction of the Local Government Board.

A Bill for the Amendment of the Libraries' Act is now before the House of Lords, and is likely soon to become law.

In September last I attended the Annual Meeting of the L. A. U. K. in Paris, took part in its discussions, visited the most important libraries in the city, and obtained a good insight into the working of the Municipal Libraries which form such an important feature in the higher-educational system of Paris. On this occasion I had the honour of being elected a Vice-President of the Association, as a compliment to my being one of the original members of the Association, and having been present at every Annual Meeting from 1877 up to the present time.

An important change has recently taken place in my staff, which calls for passing comment; my chief assistant, Mr. W. Leonard Emery, having been appointed by the Commissioners

of the Chelsea Libraries to take charge of the Kensal Town Branch. Sorry as I was to lose Mr. Emery's services, I cannot but rejoice at his good fortune, and I had the fullest confidence in recommending him to the position, he having proved himself during the many years he was connected with this library, a most painstaking and courteous official. His successor, Mr. W. J. Bennetts, although, as yet, somewhat lacking in experience, bids fair to become a very reliable and trustworthy Assistant-Librarian, and I am glad that you have seen fit to place him in the position he now holds as an encouragement to him and other members of the Library Staff. It is satisfactory to note that another of my old assistants, Mr. C. R. Philp, is doing well at the Camberwell Branch Library, of which he has charge.

I have now to speak of the various schemes which have been before you during the past year, for the improvement and extension of our institution.

In October last, you approved a scheme which I laid before you for additions to the present building, by utilising the basement. This scheme provided for a new room on the street level for a News Room, and for the re-arrangement of the other departments.

The following is the text of the application made to the Council :—

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PLYMOUTH,
October 24th, 1892.

We are desired by the Committee of the Free Public Library to make application to the Council for the entire use of the rooms in the basement of this building (Old Guildhall), now in the partial occupation of the Guardians (as Vaccination Station) and the Penny Bank, to enable them to carry out certain necessary alterations described below.

The Committee find that they need this increased accommodation for the more efficient carrying out the work of the Institution, and they believe that the proposed alterations and extension would be a great public convenience.

The alterations (which they ask the permission of the Council to carry out, and which are shown on the accompanying Plan, prepared by the Borough Surveyor) provide for a new entrance and entrance hall, on the ground level, facing Whimple Street; and for the conversion of the several rooms in the basement and a portion of the courtyard, into one room, 54 by 25, to be used as a General News Room. This would allow of the present News Room being utilized for the storage of books, and as an extension of the Reference Library, now quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the department.

The Committee wish it to be understood that they do not bring forward this in lieu of the larger project of erecting a new building in another part of the town, but simply that they may, at a small cost, provide accommodation at present needed, and to suffice until such time as the finances of the borough will warrant a larger outlay for a new and more commodious structure.

We are, yours faithfully,

W. H. LUKE, *Deputy Chairman.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

To the Town Clerk.

Plans were drawn by the Borough Surveyor, the project was approved by the Land Committee, and eventually by the Council, who gave full authority to the Library Committee to make the desired improvements. On further consideration, however, you decided to defer the alterations, pending an application to the Council for a site for a new building adjoining the Technical Schools in Tavistock Road.

On the 2nd February last, a deputation from the Library Committee attended before the Land Committee of the Council, and made formal application for the appropriation of the piece of land between the Technical Schools and the Public Schools. The application, based upon a resolution of your Committee (which will be found in the Report of the Deputy-Chairman, pages 3-4), was supported before the Land Committee by Alderman John Shelly, who introduced the Deputation, Mr. W. H. Luke, Mr. G. R. Barrett, Mr. W. N. Elliott, and myself.

The Land Committee have the matter still under consideration, but it is earnestly to be hoped that the Council may see fit to grant the application at their next meeting, as it is becoming more and more apparent that our institution cannot adequately fulfil the conditions of its existence for a lengthened period in the narrow and confined apartments now allotted to it. In fact, the infant has now grown into a sturdy youth, and needs room to expand and grow. Our shelves are inconveniently crowded, our rooms are low and ill-ventilated, and the approaches are bad. Moreover, we are greatly in need of storage space for the Patents' Specifications, better accommodation for lady readers, and improvements all round. We should also have a resident caretaker, the property of the Corporation in this building being represented by thousands of pounds.

It is satisfactory to know that some preliminary steps have been taken by the Council for utilising Beaumont House as an Art Gallery and Museum, and I would suggest that a Branch Reading Room might be opened there to advantage; also that the proposed Museum should contain objects of local interest (other than scientific), pictures, and portraits of Plymouth worthies. There are many such objects now in the possession of the Corporation, which could thus be grouped together, and form, with other contributions, a most interesting collection. The expense would not be great, and the success of such a scheme would be assured from the start, as many persons who would hesitate to become donors to a Museum in the hands of private persons would give objects of curiosity to a Municipal Institution. Nearly every town of importance has its Corporation Museum and Art Gallery open to the public, but Plymouth, although possessing unrivalled advantages, is yet without that which is considered to be an important factor in the education of the people.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, permit me to reiterate my thanks for your uniform kindness extended to me through a long series of years, and to express the hope that I may be spared to see the accomplishment of my desires, not only in the establishment of a new Library of which my fellow-townsmen may be proud, but also the opening of district or branch libraries in every ward of the town.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT.

May, 1893.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library since the publication of the last Report.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes. 1892.	1893.	Increase in 1893.	Decrease in 1893.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	816	867	51	..
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	1618	1678	60	..
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	2894	2955	61	..
D	Education, Political Economy, &c.	601	625	24	..
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1303	1354	51	..
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	1008	1075	67	..
G	Prose Fiction	4582	4749	167	..
H	Miscellaneous Works	970	981	11	..
I	Magazines and Reviews	2314	2442	128	..
J	Juvenile Literature	2997	2272	..	725
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	8325	8630	305	..
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	5464	6003	539	..
S	School Libraries	641	1620	979	..
T	Nucleus for Branch Library ..	..	110	110	..
	Totals	33,533	35,361	2553	725
				Nett Increase,	1828

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per fifteen published Reports ..	41,766
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,270
	44,036

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	81
,, deceased	3
,, withdrawn (no reason)	21
Want of time for reading	10
Guarantor withdrawn	1
Cancelled (unclaimed)	19
	135

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during twelve months ending March 31st, 1893.

Under 15 years			299
From 15 to 20 years			491
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...			358
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...			205
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...			185
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...			100
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...			70
,, 60 upwards			50
Ages not recorded :	Burgesses	303	
,,	Non-Burgesses	209	
			512
			2270

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total.
Vintry Ward	13	92	105
St. Andrew's Ward	60	409	469
Frankfort Ward	48	331	379
Drake's Ward	42	192	234
Charles Ward	116	523	639
Sutton Ward	73	226	299
Non-Residents	..	70	70
Borrowers at Cattedown Road Branch	..	75	75
Totals ..	352	1918	2270

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1892-93.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	173
Agents and Managers	48
Apprentices	37
Architects and Architects' Students	7
Artists	9
Assistants, Shop	34
Bakers and Confectioners	9
Bank Clerks, &c.	18
Basket and Brush Makers	9
Booksellers and Stationers	8
Bookbinders	12
Boot and Shoe Makers	11
Brass and Wire Workers	2
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	7
Builders and Contractors	8
Butchers, &c.	6
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners	36
Carvers and Turners	4
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	14
Civil Service Officials	8
Clergy and Ministers	18
Coach Builders	7
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	6
Commercial Travellers	16
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	10
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	7
Dentists	8
Domestic Servants	27
Drapers and Hosiers	47
Dyers	2
Engineers and Engine Fitters	22
Engravers and Lithographers	3
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	44
Farmers	2
Foremen	2
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	45
Grocers and Tea Dealers	24
Gun Makers	2
Hair Dressers	13
Housekeepers	22
Innkeepers	9
Inspectors	6
Ironmongers	4
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	8
Labourers and Porters	19
Lath-renders	3
Lawyers and Solicitors	8
Library Assistants	6
Lighthouse Keepers	8
Lodging-house Keepers	2
Machinists	9
Mariners	6
Married Women (so specified)	42
Masons and Plasterers	14
Medical Men	6
Merchants and Manufacturers	15
Milliners and Dressmakers	56
Millers	2
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	6
Nurses	9
Officers, Army and Navy	30
Painters and Decorators	18
Pawnbrokers	3
Pensioners	9
Photographers	12
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	14
Police Officer	1
Post Office Employés	25
Printers and Compositors	30
Railway Officials	9
Saddlers	7
School Children and Students	226
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers	102
Seedsmen	3
Shipwrights	7
Shopkeepers	16
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	7
Spinsters (so specified)	8
Surveyors	6
Tailors, Outfitters, &c.	28
Tobacconists	4
Upholsterers	4
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Warehousemen	11
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	14
Wheelwrights	3
Widows (so specified)	6
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupations	566
Total	2195

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in all Departments, from April 1st, 1892, to March 31st, 1893, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	S—Schools.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1892.																
April ..	24	60	232	432	56	165	90	5,173	95	874	1,329	3,435	14	5,370	17,325	721
May ...	26	59	182	354	48	153	111	4,998	89	841	1,256	3,668	46	7,080	18,885	726
June ...	23	37	156	281	35	118	71	3,967	55	600	897	3,652	40	9,660	19,569	850
July ...	18	26	98	255	36	136	23	3,172	37	520	898	3,344	23	7,245	15,813	878
August ...	26	69	146	300	64	203	62	4,917	75	775	1,197	3,076	41	5,180	16,105	619
September	26	82	226	396	66	223	85	4,985	76	699	1,245	3,374	37	10,360	21,854	840
October ...	26	57	197	434	56	250	118	5,282	72	810	1,179	4,438	40	12,950	25,883	995
November	26	75	163	414	50	234	120	5,184	65	865	1,000	5,080	35	11,260	24,545	944
December	23	49	155	349	36	168	85	4,152	68	696	738	5,939	25	12,360	24,820	1,079
1893.																
January ...	17	53	136	363	28	185	83	3,562	59	521	758	4,696	17	6,180	16,641	978
February	24	74	169	542	59	200	80	5,330	78	847	1,138	4,528	37	12,360	25,442	1,060
March ...	26	70	150	495	56	240	104	5,735	90	861	1,342	3,921	38	12,360	25,462	979
Total ..	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	112,365	252,344	885

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1892, to March 31st, 1893, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1892.															
April ...	24	12	56	160	500	139	53	141	18	1,841	54	11	450	3,435	143
May ...	26	11	52	121	884	117	22	113	32	1,788	74	8	446	3,668	141
June ...	25	6	45	98	928	90	27	146	12	1,710	81	89	420	3,652	146
July ...	20	12	61	127	826	122	14	137	33	1,431	45	47	489	3,344	167
August ...	26	43	67	143	502	138	23	102	25	1,501	63	31	438	3,076	118
September	26	10	46	161	512	145	42	54	13	1,865	84	59	383	3,374	129
October ...	26	15	62	210	603	187	41	62	44	2,513	102	137	462	4,438	170
November	26	14	54	207	509	242	42	70	46	3,050	103	334	409	5,080	195
December	25	24	60	177	622	199	20	121	21	3,757	116	370	452	5,939	237
1893.															
January ...	23	10	52	152	496	157	25	144	48	2,860	102	209	441	4,696	204
February	24	21	71	134	497	180	30	125	18	2,788	107	270	287	4,528	189
March ...	26	10	62	124	484	157	47	142	34	2,334	124	116	287	3,921	150
Total ...	297	188	688	1,814	7,363	1,873	386	1,357	344	27,438	1,055	1,681	4,964	49,151	165

TABLE IX.

Statement of the Work of the Library in all Departments, comprised in the fifteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	Total.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,807	..	125,050	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,605	6,709	3,853	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,410	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	20,012	4,180	..	170,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,079	3,392	..	147,001	515
1888-89	351	1,348	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	.. ..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	112,365	252,344	885
Totals.		18,935	54,839	134,736	10,128	52,995	33,163	1,103,837	34,004	173,777	559,002	439,703	61,448	123,715	2,800,282	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	T	Total.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	641	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	..	8,630	6,003	1,620	110	35,361	1,828
										(1892-93) Decrease 725						Gross Increase 27,453

* For Key to Classification see Tables VII. and VIII.

Donors to the Library.

1892-93.

The following have presented Books and Pamphlets to the Library since the publication of the last Report:—

A.B.C. Hotel Guide, Publisher of
Accountants, Society of, London
Advertisers' A.B.C., Publishers of
Agent-General for New South Wales
Agent-General for Queensland
Agent-General for Tasmania
Agent-General for Victoria
Agent-General for Western Australia
Ashbee, H. S., London

Balkwill, F. H., Plymouth
Ballad Society, London
Ballinger, John, Cardiff
Baring-Gould, Rev. S., Lew Trenchard
Barnardo, Dr. F. J., London
Bickle & Co., Plymouth
Bignell, G. C., Stonehouse
Billing, Sidney
Black, Dr. J., Glasgow
Blakeney, W. T., Brisbane
Blatchford, E. W., Chicago, U.S.A.
Board of Trade (Marine Dept.) London
Bond, J. Kinton, Plymouth
Boyle & Sons, London
Briscoe, J. Potter, Nottingham
Bristol University College
British India Agency Co., Brisbane
British Museum, Trustees of, London
Brown, T. B., London
Brownlow, Canon W. R., Plymouth
Brushfield, Dr. T. N., Budleigh Salterton

Cadbury Bros., Bourneville
Cassell & Company, London
Collier, W. F., Plymouth
Collingwood Bros., London
Cook & Son, London
Crawshay, Mrs. R. M., London
Crosby, Lockwood & Co., London
Crunden, F. M., St. Louis, U.S.A.
Curgenven, J. B., Teddington

Dean & Son, London
Dickens, C. W.
Doidge & Company, Plymouth
Dredge, Rev. J. Ingle, Buckland Brewer
Durham University

Erenfechter, C. A.
English Dialect Society

Fewins, Mr., Plymouth
Foster, Miss Emily
"Friend of International Progress"
Fryer, Dr. A. C., Clifton

Goadby, Edwin, Plymouth
Gooch, Dowager Lady, London
Greenwood & Co., London
Griffith, Farran and Co., London
Groser, Albert, Plymouth
Gudmore, P.

Howard Association
Hardingham, G. G. M.
Harrison, W.G.S., Town Clerk, Folkestone
Hartnoll, Messrs. A. & E., Newquay
Hearder, H. P., Plymouth
Hilton, James, London
Hobson, B.
How, James, London
Humphery, G. R., Deptford
Hunter & Miller, London

Imperial Institute, London
India, Secretary of State for
Inskip, Capt. G. H., Plymouth

Jackson, Mrs., Plymouth
Jenkins, B. G., London
Jones, Winslow, Exmouth

King, P. S. & Co., London
Keys, J. H., Plymouth

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*continued.*

Lacey, W. J.
Lach-Szyrma, Rev. W. S.
Laing, S., London
Latimer, Isaac, Plymouth
Library Association of the U. Kingdom
London University Cor. College

Library Reports and Catalogues Presented by their Respective Librarians.

Aberdeen
Adelaide, South Australia
Aston Manor
Atkinson Library, Southport
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow
Barrow-in-Furness
Battersea
Belfast
Birkenhead
Birmingham
Blackburn
Blackpool
Bodleian Library, Oxford
Bolton
Bootle
Boston Public, U.S.A.
Bradford
Brentford
Bridgeport, Conn., U.S.A.
Brierly Hill
Brighton
Bristol
Burslem
Buxton
Camberwell
Cambridge Free Library
Cambridge University
Cardiff
Cheltenham
Chelsea
Chester
Chicago
Clapham
Clerkenwell
Clitheroe
Croydon
Darwen
Deptford (Braby & Cos'.)
Derby
Detroit
Devonport
Dewsbury
Doncaster
Dudley
Dulwich
Dundee
Ealing
Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore
Fletcher Library, Vermont
Folkestone
Fulham
Gosport and Alverstoke
Great Yarmouth
Halifax
Hammersmith
Handsworth
Hanley
Hereford
Holborn
Japanese Education Department, Tokyo
Jersey City, U.S.A.
Kensington
Kidderminster
Lambeth
Leamington
Leeds
Leek, Nicholson Institute
Leicester
Liverpool
London University
Loughborough
Maimonides, New York
Manchester
Middlesborough
Minet Library, London
Mitchell Library, Glasgow
Newark, New Jersey
Newberry Library, Chicago
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Newport, Mon.
New York Mechanics' Institute
Norwich
Nottingham
Oldbury
Paddington
Petworth
Philadelphia Mercantile Library
Portsmouth
Preston
Providence, U.S.A.
Putney
Richmond, Surrey
Rochdale
Rotherham
Runcorn
St. Helens
St. Leonards
St. Louis, U.S.A.
St. Martin's in the Fields, London
Salford
Sheffield
Smethwick
Southampton
South Shields
Stafford
Stirlings and Glasgow
Stoke upon Trent
Streatham
Sunderland
Swansea
Sydney, New South Wales
Toledo
Tokyo, Japan

Tonbridge
Toronto, Canada
Twickenham
Tynemouth
Walsall
Warrington
Watford
Wednesbury
West Bromwich
Westminster
West Ham
Whitehaven
Wigan
Wimbledon
Wolverhampton
Worcester, Mass.

Mabin, Frank, Plymouth
Macmillan & Co., London
McMillan, A. J., Manitoba
Manceni, Prof. D., Italy
Manitoba Government
Marine Biological Association, Plymouth
Mason, Thomas, London
May, H. D., Stonehouse
Merrifield, Dr. John (the late), Exors. of
Merryweather, J. C., London
Metham, Dr. L. P., Stoke, Devonport
Minet, W., M.A., London
Mitchell, Mrs. G., Redruth
Moreton H., F.C.O., Stonehouse
Morris, J. S. C., London
Mortimore, Messrs. F. and A., Totnes

National Footpath Preservation Society

Oxford University Press, Delegates of

Paull-Ripley, Mrs. M. A., Plymouth
Penzance Natural History Society
Philological Society, London
Plymouth Corporation (per Town Clerk)
Plymouth Incorporated Law Society
Plymouth Institution
Plymouth Technical Schools
Plymouth Y.M.C.A.
Plymouth Y.W.C.A.
Pole, Sir William, Bart., Shute House, Devon
Prowse, Dr. A. B., Clifton

Read, Henry E., Plymouth
Registrar-General of Seamen, London
Righter, W. H.,
Rowe, C. R., Devonport
Roy, Brandon
Royal British Female Orphan Asylum
Royal Colonial Institute
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society
Rylands, Dan and Company

St. Mary's Hospital Medical School
Sell & Co., London
Shelly, Alderman John, Plymouth
Shorthouse, E., Plymouth
Smith, John, Plymouth
Smithsonian Institution, Washington
Sowerby, J. D., Chief Constable, Plymouth
Stone & Co., Otago
Street & Co., London
Stubbs & Co., London
Surveyors' Institution, London

Tanaka, J., Tokyo, Japan
Trevail, Silvanus, Truro

Vaughan, H. H.
Voysey, Rev. Charles, London

Webber, T. W.
Weeks, Phillips & Co., Plymouth
West of England Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Exeter
Westcott, W. F., Plymouth
White, J. U., St. Ives
Wilkinson, Ven. Archdeacon
Williams, D., Medical Officer of Health, Plymouth
Williams, R., R.N., Stoke, Devonport
Wood, H. T., Chicago, U.S.A.
Wood & Tozer, Devonport
Woodhouse, H. B. S., Plymouth
Worth. R. Hansford, Plymouth
Worth, R. N., Plymouth
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publishers and others.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

*Agricultural Economist	M
*Alliance News	W
*American Sentinel	W
All the Year Round	W
Animal World	M
Argosy (2 copies)	M
Army List	M
Art Journal	M
Athenæum	W
Atalanta	M
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
Bickford's Magazine	
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
British Book Maker	M
*British Trade Review	Q
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century	M
*Chamber of Commerce Journal	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charity Record	F
*Charles' Parish Magazine (Plymouth)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Reformer	M
*Church Times	W
Chums	W
*City	W
*City Review	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
Classical Review	M
Colonist	
Contemporary Review	M
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (3 copies)	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Somerset Weekly News	W
*Devon Evening Express	D
Draper's Record	W
*Dublin Daily Express	D
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
Engineer	W
*English Churchman (2 copies)	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
*Enquire Within	W
Ex Libris Journal	M
*Falmouth and Penryn Times	W
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
Figaro	W
*Fireside News	W
Fortnightly Review	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
*Freethinker	W
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Fun	W
Gardeners' Magazine	W
Gentlewoman (2 copies)	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic (3 copies)	W
*Hampshire Independent	W
Hardwicke's Science Gossip	M
Harper's Monthly	M
*Heretic	M
*Home	M
*Homeland	W
Idler	M
*Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Illustrated London News (3 copies)	W
*Imperial Federation	M
*In His Name	M
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal	Q
*Insurance Agent	M
*Insurance Spectator	M
*Irish Times	D
*Invention	W
*Inventor's Review	M
Judy	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Lady	W
Ladies' Treasury	M
Lady's Pictorial	W
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberator	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's (2 copies)	M
Ludgate Monthly	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
Magazine of Art	M
*Magic Lantern	M
*Medium and Daybreak (2 copies)	W
*Metropolitan	W
*Mining World	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
Muscians' Monthly Journal	M
Nature	W
*Natural Food	M
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
Newbery House Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies)	W
New Review	M
Nineteenth Century	M
*Northern Whig	D
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottinghamshire Guardian	W
*Our own Gazette	M
*Our work at Home and Abroad	M
*Oxford University Extension Gazette	M
*Paignton Observer	W
Pall Mall Budget	W
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Journals	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Practical Photographer	M
*Present Truth	M
*Plymouth Comet	W
*Printers' Register	M
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	
Review of Reviews	M
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*Rural World	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
*St. Austell Weekly News	W
*Salcombe Times	W
Saturday Review	W
Scribner's	M
Scotsman	W
Science and Art	M
*Shipwrecked Mariner	Q
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
*Signs of the Times	W
Sketch	W
South American Journal	W
*South Australian Chronicle	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W and M
Spinning Wheel	W
Star	D
St. James' Gazette	D
*Stationery World	M
Studio	
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
Standard	D
Strand Magazine	M
Sunday at Home	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
*Teignmouth Times	W
Temperance Advocate	M
Temperance Herald	M
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (Weekly Edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Truth	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Unity and Friendly Societies	M
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Western Antiquary (2 copies)	Q
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (2 copies)	BI-W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (3 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (3 copies)	W
Western World	M
Westminster Review	M
*Welcome Hour	M
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Woman	W
World	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
Young England	M
Young Man	M
Young Woman	M
*Zoophilist	M

ALSO THE FOLLOWING

RAILWAY AND OTHER OFFICIAL TIME TABLES.

English Railways.

Great Eastern
Great Western
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and South Western
London, Brighton, & South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Liverpool
Midland
North Eastern
South Eastern

Irish Railways.

Waterford and Central

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South Western
Great North of Scotland

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited)
Clyde Shipping Company Passenger Handbook
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourists' Gazette
Queensland Royal Mail Line (Messrs. Weeks, Phillips, & Co., Agents)

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
London and South Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other Works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

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2.—No person who is in a state of intoxication shall be admitted into the Library or News-Rooms. No audible conversation shall be permitted in either room; nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshment therein. Any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or shall be guilty of any misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain in the building.

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4.—The Library shall be closed for one week, twice in each year, for the purpose of cleaning and re-arrangement of books. Seven days' notice shall be given of such closing, in order that all books may be returned to the Library for examination. All books borrowed from the Library must, therefore, be returned, irrespective of the time allowed for reading, on or before the 30th June and 31st December in each year respectively. Borrowers neglecting to comply with this Rule will risk the forfeiture of their Tickets, and will incur a *special fine of sixpence per week*, or portion of a week.

5.—Persons enrolled as Burgesses of the Municipal Borough of Plymouth, or duly certified Ratepayers,* or Donors of Five Pounds and upwards, shall be entitled to borrow books for home reading, on their own responsibility, on signing acceptance of these Rules on a form which shall be kept for the purpose. Persons not so enrolled, or not otherwise eligible, shall be required to obtain the signature of

* See Special Notes at end.

one Burgess to the following voucher, which must be renewed annually:

I, the undersigned, being a Burgess of the Borough of Plymouth, declare that I believe .....occupation.....aged ..... of No.....to be a person to whom Books may be safely entrusted for perusal; and I hereby undertake to replace or pay the value of any Book belonging to the Corporation of Plymouth, which shall be lost or materially injured by the said borrower.

Name of Applicant.	Occupation.	Age.	Address.	Ward.

☞ Children under the age of Fourteen Years are required to obtain the written authority of one parent to the application for a Ticket, in addition to that of the ordinary Guarantor, unless the Guarantor is also the Parent.

Signature of Guarantor..... *Address* .....
Date of Application..... *Ward* .....
Signature of Parent..... *Address* .....

*** Books can be taken out of the Library only by Ratepayers, or persons resident in or employed in the Municipal Borough of Plymouth.

6.—Any person having signed this engagement who shall afterwards desire to withdraw from the same, must give notice thereof in writing to the Librarian, who will give a release as soon as he shall have ascertained that no liability remains undischarged. The responsibility incurred by a guarantor's engagement shall terminate on the expiration of one year from the date of signature, when the borrower's card will be cancelled. Another voucher must then be obtained.

7.—A voucher, which may be had on application to the Librarian, must be left at the Library one clear day before the first issue of books to the person recommended therein; and on being found correct, a Borrower's Ticket will be delivered to the person so recommended, entitling him or her to borrow books, subject to the Rules and Regulations in force for the time being. The sum of one penny will be charged for each voucher issued, to cover the cost thereof.

8.—Borrower's cards are not transferable; and borrowers are cautioned against losing them, as they will be held responsible for any book or books which may be taken out of the Library by the use of their tickets. These tickets must be renewed every year from the date of issue by the borrower in person. Lost tickets can be replaced, after one day's clear notice has been given, on payment of twopence. Borrowers must produce their tickets upon every application for and return of a book.

9.—Borrowers, when they change their residences, are required to notify the same in writing to the Librarian, within one week of such change, under the penalty of forfeiture of their tickets.

10.—Borrowers leaving town, or ceasing to use the Library, are required to return their tickets to the Librarian, in order that their guarantee may be cancelled; otherwise they and their guarantor will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

11.—Every person on obtaining a borrower's ticket, must sign for the same, and state his or her occupation and residence in a book provided for that purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be assent to the Rules and Regulations of the Plymouth Free Public Library for the time being.

12.—It is desirable that books should be applied for by borrowers themselves. When they cannot conveniently visit the Library, they are requested to send a responsible messenger, competent to deliver their messages, and to take due care of the books. The Librarian has instructions to refuse books to messengers who, in his judgment, are not competent to take proper care of them.

13.—No reader shall be allowed to pass within the enclosure of the Library, or to remove books from the shelves; and visitors are requested to be as silent as possible.

14.—Application for books must be made on the forms provided for the purpose, upon which the borrower's Number and the Title of the book required should be legibly written down, together with the Number and Class affixed to it in the Indicator-Catalogue, the borrower dating and signing the same. Directions for consulting the Indicator will be found in the Library; and it is necessary that the borrower should refer to the Indicator before applying at the Issuing Desk for a book.

15.—Borrowers are requested, on returning their books, to hand them over to the Librarian or his assistant, and not to leave them on the counter, or give them into the hands of strangers. The borrowers will be held responsible for books not so delivered, or duly entered as being returned by them. Borrowers are not allowed to lend to other persons the books delivered to them.

16.—Books cannot be exchanged twice in one day, nor before twelve o'clock on the day following the issue or last transaction with the borrower.

17.—Borrowers are earnestly requested to keep the books clean, not to fold down the leaves, or to mark them in any way with pencil or ink. It is also requested that they be kept from the hands of young children.

18.—Borrowers are permitted to take complete works at a single issue, if required, provided that the number of volumes does not exceed three. In all cases, the whole must be returned at the expiration of the time specified for one volume. The time for reading may, however, be extended, if the work be not required by another borrower. See Rule 21.

19.—Borrowers may bespeak books which are in circulation, by depositing with the Librarian an addressed post-card, bearing title and number of book required. On the book coming in, the post-card will be sent to the address, with an intimation that the book will be retained for twenty-four hours. Printed post-cards are obtainable at the counter at one penny each.

20.—The Librarian or his assistant shall carefully examine each book returned; and if any book be soiled, written in, or otherwise injured, or any book be lost, the borrower or his guarantor must immediately replace such book, or (in case of works comprising more than one volume) the set of books to which it may belong, or pay for the damage or loss. Books stolen or lost shall continue to be at the disposal of the Library Committee, although replaced or paid for.

21.—All books must be returned within the time specified on the respective labels; but the time for reading may be renewed on application (except in the case of new works or books much in demand, or when required, as per Rule 18.) Borrowers detaining books beyond the time allowed for reading, will be fined one penny for the whole or any portion of the first week, and one penny for each week or portion of a week afterwards. If these fines be not paid after two applications for the same, no further books will be issued to the borrower, and the ticket will be cancelled. The borrower will also be required to pay the expenses of all applications made to him or her by the Librarian. In the event of any book not being returned within twenty-eight days from the date of issue, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to call upon the borrower or the surety to replace it. In the case of parts of Magazines or Reviews, they must be returned within seven days, under a penalty of one penny each day over the time allowed. See also Rule 4.

22.—The Librarian shall have the power to refuse books to any applicant who shall neglect or refuse compliance with these Rules and Regulations; but any person so refused shall have liberty to appeal to the Library Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

23.—A Proposal Book is kept at the Library, to receive suggestions from readers as to any book they may consider desirable to be introduced into the Library. This book is laid before the Committee for their consideration at their periodical meetings, when books so proposed will be balloted for in accordance with the bye-laws.

24.—Printed Catalogues may be purchased at the Library; and copies of the same, with the manuscript catalogue of the latest additions, are placed in the Library for reference.

25.—If any borrower fail to return to the Lending Library books lent to him or her under these Rules and Regulations, or to pay any costs, expenses, damages, or fines incurred, it shall be recoverable as a debt; and in any action, the Librarian, acting for the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, being entitled to recover, shall be taken as admitted.

RULES SPECIALLY APPLICABLE TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY AND PATENTS ROOM.

26.—Books may be obtained to read in the Reference Library by signing a Reader's Ticket, which may be had on application. Such signature will be considered as an assent to the General Rules and Regulations of the Library; but the Committee would recommend regular readers to provide themselves with a Reader's Medal, price twopence, which will render the forms unnecessary in their case. This medal must be presented at every application for a book, and will be returned when the book is handed back to the attendant. These medals will not be issued to youths under the age of sixteen, except for special reasons with the consent of the Librarian. Books so obtained are not to be taken out of the Library under any circumstances. In cases of misconduct, the Librarian has authority to suspend the medal-holder from further privileges, subject to appeal, as per Rule 21.

27.—Persons under fourteen years of age are not admitted to the News-rooms.

28.—It is expressly forbidden to remove from the Reference Department any book, map, manuscript, or any other article belonging thereto, or to write or make any marks upon the same. Readers are particularly requested not to soil the works used, as many of them are of considerable value. In making extracts, the use of pencil only can be allowed, and great care must be observed. For making traces of plates or drawings, special leave must be obtained of the Librarian, in order that the work may in no way be injured.

NEWS-ROOMS.

29.—Newspapers and Magazines must not be removed from the stands upon which they are placed, except by the permission of the Librarian; and it is particularly requested that readers will replace the various publications when done with, upon the tables to which they belong.

30.—No periodical can be retained longer than ten minutes after it has been enquired for by another person.

31.—Any person found removing any newspaper, magazine, or other article from the News-room will be liable to be prosecuted. All the General Rules apply likewise to these departments.

32.—Special attention is called to the following clauses of 8 and 9 Victoria, cap. 44:—

"Every person who shall unlawfully and maliciously destroy or damage anything kept for the purposes of art, science, or literature . . . . . in any . . . . . library . . . . . which . . . . . is either at all times or from time to time open for the admission of the Public . . . . . shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being duly convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding six months; and, if a male, may during the period of such imprisonment be put to hard labour, or be once, twice, or thrice

privately whipped, in such manner as the Court before which such person shall be tried shall direct."

"Any person found committing any offence against this Act may be immediately apprehended without a warrant, by any person, and forthwith taken before some neighbouring Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with according to the law."

33.—The income being principally derived in accordance with Sec. 2 of the "Public Libraries' Act" (29 and 30 Vic., cap 114), and from annual voluntary contributions, the Society shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto or between any of its members.

By order of the Committee,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

Revised October, 1893.

Note to Rule 5.—By a recent decision of the Library Committee it will be seen that this Rule has been somewhat modified, to allow of Ratepayers, whose names are not included in the Official Burgess Roll, taking Books on their own responsibility and signing papers as Burgesses for members of their families. The Librarian has instructions to assure himself of the necessary qualifications of such persons as Ratepayers, before issuing the Tickets.

Attention is called to the New Regulation for the extension of Privileges to Non-Residents.

By an Act of Parliament which came into operation on the 1st of October, 1892, Library Authorities have been empowered to lend books to persons residing outside the boundaries of the Municipality. Acting under this provision the Library Committee of Plymouth have made arrangements by which books will be issued to non-residents for home use on very low terms, viz., a Subscription of 5s. per annum.

Persons residing at Mannamead, Stoke Damerel, Stonehouse, Plympton, Plymstock, Oreston, Laira, Turnchapel, and other places in the immediate neighbourhood of the Three Towns, may now take advantage of this large and growing library, which contains over 30,000 volumes of books in all departments of literature, and is constantly receiving additions of current works.

Intending Subscribers should apply for a Special Voucher at once, which, on being certified, will be exchanged for a Borrower's Ticket, and a receipt given for the Subscription. These Tickets are not transferable, and can be used only by one member of a family; but no restriction is placed upon the number of tickets issued to one household. Each borrower is allowed to take a complete work at a single issue, if desired, provided that the number of volumes does not exceed three. Books may be exchanged daily, or renewed from time to time, to suit the convenience of the borrower, provided that they be not required by another borrower. Borrowers may also bespeak books which are not in on first application.

Subscribers are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Library.

The Lending Library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Wednesdays the Library closes at Two o'clock; on Saturdays it remains open until Ten o'clock.

Non-residents have also the privilege of using the Newsrooms and Reference Library FREE.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Free Public Library, Plymouth,
October 20th, 1892.

Borough Librarian.

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Seventeenth Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS COMMITTEE;

(From April 1st, 1893, to March 31st, 1894)

INCLUDING

THE HON. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
NAMES OF DONORS, &c.

Presented to the Council May 7th, 1894.

1893-94.

Plymouth:
W. F. WESTCOTT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER.
1894.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1893-94.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR
WILLIAM LAW, Esq.

Alderman Rev. F. E. ANTHONY
Alderman JOHN GREENWAY
Alderman JOHN SHELLY
Councillor W. N. ELLIOTT
Councillor T. WILLIAMS
Councillor J. WILLOUGHBY

Members not of the Council:

Rev. T. H. HOWARD, M.A.
Rev. SAMUEL VINCENT
Mr. H. PENROSE PRANCE
Mr. G. PORTER ROGERS
Mr. GEO. R. BARRETT

Deputy Chairman: Rev. F. E. ANTHONY, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. GEO. R. BARRETT.

Sub-Committees.

Finance.—Messrs. Barrett, Elliott, Prance, Rogers.

General Purposes.—Messrs. Barrett, Elliott, Howard, Prance, Rogers, Williams, Willoughby.

Book Selection.—The whole Committee.

School Libraries.—Messrs. Barrett, Elliott, Prance, Willoughby

Cattedown-Road Evening Reading Room. — Messrs. Elliott, Howard, Prance, Vincent, Williams.

Chairman and Deputy Chairman are *ex-officio* Members of all Committees.

Officers.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R.HIST.SOC.

Assistant Librarian:

W. J. BENNETTS.

Assistant, Reference Library.—H. Weller.

Junior Assistants.—R. Wellington, W. Hawke, &c.

Caretaker.—Isaac Gould.

News-Rooms Attendant.—E. Burley.

Attendant, Cattedown-Road Reading Room.—A. S. Joslin.

Attendant, Union Street Branch.—W. H. Bennetts.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE Committee of the Council appointed to manage the excellent Free Public Library of the Borough have little need to do more than emphasize the Librarian's Report, which speaks of good work done in all departments.

The most prominent feature of the Report is the increasing need for better accommodation and a more suitable site for the Library.

This need is further emphasized by the prospect of adding valuable collections in Archæology, and in fact of forming the nucleus of a public Museum, thus supplying a want long felt in the town, if sufficient and suitable accommodation can be provided. We cannot hope to secure the generous offers of Mr. Baring Gould and Mr. Robert Burnard unless there is some likelihood of this being done in the near future. If the Town Council will grant a site for the building, the erection of the Library and Museum will cost nothing to the ratepayers.

We are advised that part of the income now at the disposal of the Committee can be appropriated for the payment of an Annual charge, by which in a given term of years, the cost, both principal and interest, will be repaid, and the whole become the property of the municipality in perpetuity.

The Committee have again considered this matter in all its bearings, and they are unanimous in repeating the application made to the Council in their last Report, incorporating with that resolution the suggestion now made that a Town's Museum shall be included in the general scheme; and they would ask you to consider this in the form of a direct application for the site formerly specified, in order that it may be discussed by the whole Council as a report and recommendation from one of their Committees. It may be pointed out that so long ago as September, 1889, the Committee made formal application for this site; and the Council reserved the land from sale, in order to devote it to some public purpose. After the lapse of nearly five years the need for such a concession is proportionately increased.

F. E. ANTHONY,
Deputy Chairman.

Portrait kindly lent by the Publisher of the *Plymouth Comet*.

IN MEMORIAM—W. H. LUKE.

THE death of Mr. W. H. Luke, late Deputy-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, which occurred on the 27th February last, was a great loss to this Institution, as Mr. Luke had been associated with the Library, with a very slight break, from its establishment. His funeral was largely attended, several representatives of the Library Committee being present, besides gentlemen connected with all the other public bodies with which Mr. Luke had been associated in his many years' work as a public man.

The services rendered by Mr. Luke to this Library are best summed up by the following resolution of sympathy, passed by the Library Committee at their meeting on the 6th March last, a copy of which was forwarded to the family of the deceased :—

Resolved "That the Committee of the Free Public Library desire to put on record their sense of the loss they have sustained by the death of their late Deputy-Chairman, who from the first establishment of the Library has almost continuously been associated with its work, and has taken the deepest interest in its progress and success. As Deputy-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, he has freely given time and trouble to the duties of the twofold office, and by his unvarying courtesy he has secured the esteem and respect of his colleagues.

The Committee desire to tender the expression of their sympathy with the bereaved family of their deceased friend."

To this Resolution a very appreciative reply was received from Mr. Charles Luke, on behalf of Mrs. Luke and family.

Mr. William Henry Luke was in his 70th year. He is succeeded as Hon. Treasurer by Mr. Geo. R. Barrett, the Rev. F. E. Anthony resuming his position as Deputy-Chairman, which he vacated some time ago in favour of Mr. Luke.

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1893, to March 31st, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Naval Bank, 31st March, 1893 ...				383	4	5
,, Corporation (per Borough Treasurer), in four Quarterly Instalments, as follows:—						
1893—June 23rd	300	0	0			
October 16th	300	0	0			
1894—January 15th	300	0	0			
March 31st	292	0	0			
				1192	0	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Tickets				10	15	8
,, Sale of Readers' Medals				0	12	0
,, Sale of Catalogues				0	17	0
,, Sale of Rules				0	11	4
,, Sale of Postcards				0	13	4
,, Sale of Old Papers				2	2	0
,, Fines from Borrowers				39	10	4
,, Damaged and Lost Books				0	7	0
,, Annual Subscriptions—Non-Residents				4	10	0
				£1635	3	1

(*Signed*) GEO. R. BARRETT, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, and Renovation				72	6	6
,, Salaries and Wages				449	11	0
,, Printing and Stationery (general)				33	15	7
,, Printing Reports				6	7	6
,, Supply of Library and News-Rooms:—						
Books	236	11	2			
Binding	104	5	4			
Magazines	26	7	9			
Newspapers	101	17	4			
				469	1	7
,, Gas and Fuel				46	19	8
,, Insurance				8	3	1
,, Yöst Type Writer				20	18	0
,, Cataloguing and Assistance				30	7	6
,, Railway and other charges				14	19	3
,, Postages, Notices to Borrowers, etc.				7	10	7
,, Auditors' Fees				2	2	0
,, Cleaning and Sundries				6	15	10
,, Bankers and Cash Balances				466	5	0
				£1635	3	1

Audited 28th April, 1894.

(*Signed*) S. J. BLEWETT, G. HICKS } *Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1893-94.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Plymouth (the Chairman) and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

It becomes my pleasing duty to present to you the Report of the working of this Institution, from April 1st, 1893, to March 31st, 1894, being the seventeenth consecutive report since the establishment of the Library in 1876.

The chief event during the past year was the opening of a second Branch Evening Reading Room in the Western District. This took place on the 23rd October last, when the Mayor (as Chairman of the Library Committee) performed the interesting ceremony, supported by many members of the Corporation, the Library Committee, and other public bodies of the town; and by the leading members of the Western District Ratepayers' Association, who had warmly supported the proposal, and others. The School Board had generously met the advances of the Library Committee, and had placed at our disposal a room of the Union Street Board School, Summerland Place, which, although not so convenient as the room at the East End Branch, will suit the requirements of the residents in that locality for some time to come. I am happy to say that many persons residing in the neighbourhood avail themselves of the advantages afforded, and the number is steadily increasing. On the tables and stands are placed a number of magazines and newspapers, and a small library of books is available for the convenience of our west end borrowers.

The Cattedown Road Branch (situated at the St. John's Road Board School) continues to present a very fair record, and the interest is decidedly increasing.

I have summarised the attendances at the Union Street and Cattedown Road Branches, and they are as follows:—At the Cattedown Road Branch, open from 6-30 to 10 p.m., there have been within the period covered by this Report 10,921 visitors; the

issues of Books amounting in the same period to 2,348. At the Union Street Branch, since the opening on October 23rd last, 5,130 persons have used the room, and the issue of Books has been equally satisfactory.

The work at the Board and other Schools still shows marked progress, nearly three thousand volumes being in constant circulation amongst the children, who are thus spared the journey to Whimple Street to get their books; and from information received from time to time from the various head teachers and officers of the School Board, it is evident that this boon is highly appreciated, both by the children themselves and their parents; as it is very certain that many of the books so circulated are read by other members of the family. The Head Teachers are indefatigable in their efforts to increase the popularity of these School Libraries, and I am pleased to observe that such libraries have been started in other towns with marked success.

The Police Library too has been considerably augmented, an exchange of books having recently taken place; those previously sent having done good service.

Another application has been received from the Master of the Workhouse for a second loan of books, and this I trust you will grant, as the lot previously sent, consisting chiefly of bound volumes of magazines, was very much appreciated by those for whom they were intended, and are now thoroughly worn out.

I would now draw your attention to the various tabulated statements recording the work of the Library in all its Departments, as covered by the present Report.

In Table I. it will be seen that our stock of Books (exclusive of the Patents Specifications) amounts to 37,799 volumes; there having been an increase during the year of 2,438 volumes. It is satisfactory to note that nearly one thousand volumes have been added to the Reference Library, and these include many works of great importance. Similarly, Class L (Devon and Cornwall Library), which is a part of the Reference Library, has also been largely augmented. The increase in other classes has been very much on a par with previous years.*

*Class J.—You will observe on further reference to Table I., and comparing it with other years, that I am gradually transferring the books of this section to the School Libraries, reserving only a small stock for the Juvenile Borrowers using the Central Library. But a large number of these books are still out of circulation, and I would be glad of a vote to replace those most urgently needed.

Were I to add to the above the enormous accumulation of Specifications of Patents, many of which are unbound (amounting to hundreds of thousands), it might be estimated that the people of Plymouth have now a Library of some 50,000 volumes, which they are free to use to the extent of their requirements. This is by no means an unsatisfactory result of our eighteen years' work.

On Table II. is given the total number of Borrowers' Tickets issued since the establishment of the Library. The number issued at the Central Library and Branches during the past year was 2,305, and the grand total now reaches 46,341.

About a similar number of Subscribers have joined as last year; but we may calculate that most of these will be included amongst our regular borrowers if Mannamead is absorbed into greater Plymouth.

But it may be as well to mention that our neighbours at Stonehouse and persons residing in the suburbs of Plymouth, as well as those in the adjacent villages, may still secure the advantages of this large Library by the payment of an annual subscription of five shillings. This arrangement came into force soon after the passing of the new Libraries' Act of October, 1892; and has already been the means of conferring a great boon upon many people outside our Municipal areas.

The issues in all departments, according to Table IX., have been 301,419, exclusive of the two branches; this gives a daily average of 1046, the largest total yet recorded. The total of Works of Reference consulted is steadily on the increase, and accounts for 52,414; the aggregate issues of all classes and in all departments now reaching the large total of three millions, one hundred and one thousand, seven hundred and one.

The News-rooms, Magazine Room, and Ladies' Room continue very popular, and during the winter evenings every room has been at times most inconveniently crowded, as many as one hundred and fifty persons having been counted in the News-rooms at one time. The average daily attendance is little short of two thousand, therefore it may be estimated that more than half-a million people enter these rooms in the course of the year. Again, on many occasions every available seat in the Reference Library has been occupied by studious and attentive readers.

In order to stimulate the interest and curiosity of readers, I have recently placed some books upon shelves at the Library counter,

where they may be readily seen, and these have been freely drawn upon by the borrowers. The stock is replenished from day to day.

Some public libraries are now adopting the open shelf system, but this step, however desirable, cannot be carried out in our present premises, owing to the height of our shelves and the cramped character of our Lending Library, which at times, especially on Saturday nights, is inconveniently crowded. Many desirable reforms must perforce wait until we can obtain the new building for which we have been agitating for so many years.

You recently approved a scheme of mine for the issue of Class Catalogues which could be sold at a nominal price. For these I am now making arrangements, and I hope soon to lay before you some particulars, with an estimate of the cost of carrying the work into operation.

Should the question of the amalgamation of the suburban districts with the borough be satisfactorily settled, it will bring a large number of borrowers within the scope of our operations, and will undoubtedly raise the question of the establishment of a Branch Library at or near Mutley Plain, for the convenience of the inhabitants of that district and of Mannamead. The inclusion of these outlying districts will also be an additional argument in favour of the establishment of a central library adjoining the Technical Schools, a spot much nearer the centre of the town than the building we at present occupy.

Although our application to the Council a few months ago for the appropriation of land at the junction of Pound Street and Rowe Street was not successful, the mere fact that it was referred back for fuller details, seems to point to the probable opening up of the question ere long; and I trust that the larger question of Museum and Library will be then considered, with the additional light that can now be thrown upon it.

As to this latter suggestion, I have now the pleasure to lay before you two definite offers of gentlemen well known in the locality, who are prepared to give collections of great value to the town, provided a Public Museum, as at Exeter and many other towns, can be established. I reported to you a few weeks since that the Rev. S. Baring Gould, M.A., and Mr. Robert Burnard had made verbal offers of this character, and acting under your instructions, I immediately placed myself in communication with

those gentlemen, with the result that I am now able to give you the terms of their offers in a much more definite form.

"Plymouth, March 12th, 1894.

"DEAR MR. WRIGHT,

"I have sent your letter on to Mr. Baring Gould. His collection is not a large one but it is good. I shall be quite ready to give the town all my local archæological specimens as soon as I see a suitable Museum started.

"The most valuable collection in the West of England is going to the British Museum, because there is no suitable place in Plymouth.

"ROBERT BURNARD."

"Lew Trenchard, N. Devon,
"March 13th, 1894.

"DEAR MR. WRIGHT,

"I have rather a fine collection of the pre-historic remains of man, beginning with the relics of the Reindeer Hunters of Périgord, through the polished stone age to the bronze. My bronzes are Irish, I have none from Devon or Cornwall.

"I should wish to bequeath the whole collection to a Public Museum at Plymouth, if I were sure that there was a suitable one. The Institute (Plymouth Institution) is a private company, and there is not that guarantee which would be afforded by a Public Museum under the Town Council.

"Further, Mr. Burnard and I are going this summer to excavate extensively on Dartmoor among the hut circles, partly in the Duchy of Cornwall, partly also on private property, and we would like to be able to *recommend* to the Duchy and to the owners that the objects found by us should go towards a collection at Plymouth, which would illustrate the pre-historic and other later occupations of Dartmoor. Of course we cannot say what will be found, nor whether the Duchy and other proprietors will entertain our suggestion, but it would be a great matter to be able to place such a scheme before those who own the soil, in a practical form. The Albert Museum at Exeter is so crowded with objects that I think Plymouth would be a better centre for such a collection.

"I remain, yours truly,
"S. BARING GOULD."

It is almost certain that other gifts may be immediately forthcoming directly it is known that a scheme for the establishment of a Town Museum, under the control of the Corporation, has been approved. Comment on the above is needless, and I trust that these offers may lead to the re-opening of the matter

of a new site for a building containing both Library and Musuem on the spot already pointed out, and not yet appropriated for any other purpose. The land available on the Cattle Market site would, in my opinion, amply suffice for the purpose, and I commend this suggestion most heartily to your notice.

I have on more than one occasion referred to the defective character of our present Library building, and its general unhealthiness and unattractiveness, but I would on this occasion only briefly point to the fact that there are numerous serious leaks in the roof and gutters, some of the windows are very shaky, the floors and stairs are very much worn, and the whole appearance of the place is the reverse of bright and inviting. The building is moreover in the centre of a very noisy neighbourhood, and the surroundings are not conducive to study; the only entrance is inconvenient and dangerous, as it abuts on the roadway; and the locality is one rather avoided than favoured by visitors to the town, to whom a Public Library is generally one of the chief attractions. Having recently visited some of the newest and best equipped Libraries in the United Kingdom (those at Aberdeen and Edinburgh amongst the number), I am able to speak with some amount of assurance as to the desirability of placing a Library which is for the benefit of all classes, in the very centre of the town, amidst surroundings of a suitable character. On the question of locality, I venture to call your attention to Table V., which shews the Residences of Borrowers, and it is there clearly demonstrated that Charles' Ward sends the largest number of borrowers to the Library, while the Wards which have their most convenient centre at the Cattle Market Site, account for more than half our total number of borrowers. In the earnest hope that the Corporation may see their way clear to grant the site adjoining the Technical Schools, and that you may elaborate a scheme for the establishment of a new Free Library and Museum upon that site, I leave the matter in your hands, once more thanking you for your continued confidence, and the support you have always given me in carrying out my duties.

W. H. K. WRIGHT.

Borough Librarian.

Free Public Library, Plymouth,
April 27th, 1894.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.			
		1893.	1894.	Increase in 1894.	Decrease in 1894.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	867	892	25	...
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	1678	1731	53	...
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	2955	3037	82	..
D	Education, Political Economy, &c.	625	637	12	...
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1354	1406	52	...
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	1075	1102	27	...
G	Prose Fiction	4749	5035	286	...
H	Miscellaneous Works	981	983	2	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	2442	2506	64	...
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	3892	4290	398	*
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	8630	9592	962	...
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ...	6003	6350	347	...
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ...	110	238	128	...
	TOTALS	35,361	37,799	2438	

* About 2,500 of these books are in the School Libraries, and at least 1,000 have been condemned as worn out, and are not yet replaced; the remainder are in the Juvenile Section at the Central Library.

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per sixteen published Reports ...		44,036
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,159	
St. John's Road Branch	94	
Summerland Place Branch	52	
		2,205
		46,341

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	37
„ deceased	2
„ withdrawn (no reason)	11
Want of time for reading	8
Guarantor withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	21
	81

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during twelve months ending March 31st, 1894.

Under 15 years			323
From 15 to 20 years			499
„ 20 to 25 „			334
„ 25 to 30 „			263
„ 30 to 40 „			197
„ 40 to 50 „			86
„ 50 to 60 „			73
„ 60 upwards			34
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	284		
„ Non-Burgesses	212		
			496
			2305

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total
Vintry Ward	17	89	106
St. Andrew's Ward	59	433	492
Frankfort Ward	53	374	427
Drake's Ward	39	117	156
Charles Ward	119	479	598
Sutton Ward	60	235	295
Non-Residents	...	85	85
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	10	84	94
„ Summerland Place	9	43	52
Totals ...	366	1939	2305

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1893-94.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	180
Agents and Managers	34
Apprentices	47
Architects	5
Artists	11
Assistants, Shop	46
Bakers and Confectioners	15
Bank Clerks	17
Basket and Brush Makers	4
Booksellers and Stationers	11
Bookbinders	14
Boot and Shoe Makers	8
Brass and Wire Workers	4
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	8
Builders and Contractors	7
Butchers, &c.	8
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	45
Carvers and Turners	5
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	17
Civil Service Officials	7
Clergy and Ministers	25
Coach Builders	8
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	7
Commercial Travellers	24
Coopers	2
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	14
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	9
Dealers	8
Dentists	6
Domestic Servants	38
Drapers and Hosiers	43
Draughtsmen	4
Dyers	5
Engineers and Engine Fitters	38
Engravers and Lithographers	5
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	54
Farmer	1
Foremen	4
Fruiterers	3
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	59
Grocers and Tea Dealers	37
Gun Makers	3
Hair Dressers	19
Housekeepers	17
Innkeepers	15
Inspectors	4
Ironmongers	7
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	17
Labourers and Porters	23
Lath-renders	5
Lawyers, &c.	11
Library Assistants	6
Lighthouse Keepers	7
Lodging-house Keepers	11
Machinists	23
Mariners	[illegible]
Married Women (so specified)	53
Masons and Plasterers	17
Medical Men	[illegible]
Merchants and Manufacturers	19
Millers	3
Milliners and Dressmakers	73
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	3
Nurses	15
Officers, Army and Navy	29
Painters and Decorators	25
Pawnbrokers	5
Pensioners	36
Photographers	13
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	21
Police Officer	1
Post Office Employés	32
Printers and Compositors	47
Railway Officials	8
Saddlers	7
School Children and Students	303
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers	113
Seedsmen	4
Shipwrights	11
Shopkeepers	27
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	9
Soldiers	20
Spinsters (so specified)	12
Surveyors	3
Tailors, Outfitters, &c.	38
Tobacconists	5
Upholsterers	2
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Warehousemen	15
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	23
Wheelwrights	[illegible]
Widows (so specified)	9
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	229
	2305

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in all Departments, from April 1st, 1893, to March 31st, 1894, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	S—Schools.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1893.																
April ...	24	72	155	416	45	225	121	5,347	104	845	1,177	3,597	32	15,450	27,586	1,149
May ...	26	86	129	457	47	224	99	5,656	122	850	1,375	3,452	30	12,360	24,887	957
June ...	24	77	155	366	42	169	74	5,535	105	881	1,345	2,690	15	12,360	23,814	992
July ...	18	49	95	257	19	125	59	3,626	65	360	970	2,439	4	12,360	20,428	1,134
August ...	26	65	102	401	32	228	68	5,727	75	767	1,613	3,410	17	12,360	24,865	956
September	26	89	140	405	44	170	93	5,434	86	696	1,293	4,725	30	12,360	25,565	983
October ...	26	77	214	530	53	232	110	4,776	99	676	1,210	5,390	23	15,450	28,940	1,113
November	26	101	190	486	73	237	111	4,872	111	597	1,360	6,279	18	12,360	26,795	1,030
December	24	67	163	410	55	167	58	3,695	75	565	1,092	6,162	14	15,450	27,973	1,165
1894.																
January ...	20	57	131	315	120	170	53	2,959	56	419	902	3,795	194	9,270	18,441	922
February	24	114	130	442	92	220	80	4,569	68	653	1,263	4,890	155	12,360	25,036	1,044
March ...	25	109	214	435	176	217	87	5,433	105	688	1,465	5,585	315	12,360	27,189	1,083
Total ...	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	154,500	301,419	1,046

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1893, to March 31st, 1894, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1893.															
April ...	24	41	76	188	512	172	45	238	87	1,739	72	60	367	3,597	150
May ...	26	21	58	167	495	145	28	163	13	2,009	52	21	280	3,452	132
June ...	26	19	36	103	425	110	16	115	17	1,482	41	52	274	2,690	103
July ...	18	17	70	145	401	124	37	47	13	1,221	54	51	259	2,439	135
August ...	26	7	53	149	571	158	70	48	15	1,879	67	38	355	3,410	131
September	26	38	100	269	671	202	64	71	46	2,744	85	46	389	4,725	181
October ...	26	55	119	292	793	211	137	116	83	3,036	96	48	404	5,390	207
November	26	89	108	266	772	195	92	128	150	3,671	124	185	499	6,279	241
December	24	59	90	326	784	175	44	192	193	3,667	113	87	432	6,162	256
1894.															
January ...	20	46	66	197	535	126	28	125	77	2,239	82	20	254	3,795	184
February	24	53	107	260	646	179	48	152	48	2,909	117	23	348	4,890	203
March ...	25	16	90	233	706	249	57	116	121	3,270	224	55	448	5,585	223
Total ...	291	461	973	2,595	7,311	2,046	666	1,511	863	29,866	1,127	686	4,309	52,414	180

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments, comprised in the sixteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	Total.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	.. ..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	154,500	301,419	1,046
Totals.		19,898	56,657	139,656	10,926	55,379	34,176	1,161,466	35,075	181,774	574,067	492,117	62,295	278,215	3,101,701	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	T	Total.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	*Included with Class J.*	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583		..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746		..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091		..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397		..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666		..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110		..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290		..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655		..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743		..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958		..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275		..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,805		..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320		..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464		..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003		110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350		238	37,799	2,438
																Gross Increase 29,891

* For Key to Classification see Tables VII. and VIII.

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1893-94.

The following have presented Books and Pamphlets to the Library since the publication of the last Report.

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Agent-General for New Zealand
Agent-General for Victoria
Agent-General for Queensland
Agent-General for Western Australia
Alford, Rev. D. P., Tavistock
Anti-Vivisection Society

Barker, D. W., Worcester
Bear, T. M., Colchester
Blach, J. W., Edinburgh
Bles, E. J., Plymouth
Board of Trade (Marine Dept.), London
Boase, C., London
Bookman Directory, Publishers of
Bristol University College
British Museum, Trustees of, London
Bromham, W., Paignton
Brushfield, Dr. T. N., Budleigh-Salterton
Burdett, H. C.
Burnard, Robert, Plymouth

Carson, Rev. T. W., Dublin
Cassell & Company, London
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Cobden Club
Cotgreave, A., West Ham
Coutts, Baroness Burdett-
Cunard Steamship Company

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Dredge, Rev. J. Ingle, Buckland Brewer
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Dyer, J. C., Plymouth

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Hitchens, V., Plymouth

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India, Secretary of State for [mittee

Joan Bennett's Trust Scheme, Governors
Jones, J. D. [of
Jones, Winslow, Exmouth

Le Caron, Major Henry
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Library Record, Publishers of
London University Correspondence Coll.

Library Reports and Catalogues presented by their respective Lib arians—

Aberdeen
Barking
Barrow-in-Furness
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Belfast
Birkenhead
Birmingham
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Blackpool
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Boston Public, U.S.A.
Bradford
Brierley Hill
Brighton
Cambridge
Cheltenham
Chester

Clapham
Clitheroe
Cork
Coventry
Croydon
Darwen
Detroit
Doncaster
Dudley
Dundee
Ealing
Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore
Exeter
Folkestone
Fulham
Great Yarmouth
Halifax
Hammersmith
Hove
Jersey City, U.S.A.
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Liverpool
Manchester
Minet Library, London
Nicholson Institute, Leek
Norwich
Nottingham
Oxford
Penzance
Portsmouth
Preston
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Rochdale
Runcorn
St. Helens
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London
Sheffield
Smethwick
Southampton
South Shields
Stafford
Stirlings and Glasgow
Stoke Newington
Streatham
Swansea
Sydney, N.S.W.
Tokyo, Japan
Toronto
Watford
Whitehaven
Wolverhampton
West Ham, London
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

Mahony, J. W.
Mechanics' Institute, Nottingham
Muybridge, Eadweard, Phil., U.S.A.

Newspaper Press Directory, Publishers of
Nott, J. N. Pyke-, London

Oxford Library Committee

Paull, M. A., Plymouth
Peace, W., Natal
Penzance Natural History Society
Perry's Directory, Publishers of
Pitman, I., London
Plymouth Institution
Plymouth School Board
Plymouth Technical Schools
Pole, Sir William, Shute House, Devon
Prowse, A. R.

Registrar-General of Seamen, London
Religious Tract Society
Royal Colonial Institute

St. Ives Weekly Summary, Publishers of
Shelly, Alderman John, Plymouth
Smith, John, Plymouth
Smithsonian Institution, Washington
Sowerby, J. D., Chief Constable, Plymouth
Sutton, A., Manchester

Thompson, Mrs. Percy, London
Trevail, S., Truro
Tupper, Sir Charles
Twigg, J. Hill, London
Tynte, H. M. Kemeys-

University Correspondent, Editor of
Ussher, W. A. E.

Waring and Co., Plymouth
Waterfield, W., Plymouth
Weekes, Phillips & Co., Plymouth
Welsh. Charles
Westcott, W. F., Plymouth
Western, R. W.
Whitfeld, Henry, sen., Plymouth
Williams, D., Medical Officer of Health, Plymouth
Woodhouse, H. B. S., Plymouth
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publishers and others.

D—*Daily*. W—*Weekly*. F—*Fortnightly*. M—*Monthly*. Q—*Quarterly*.

*Alliance News	W
*American Sentinel	W
All the Year Round	W
Animal World	M
Argosy (2 copies)	M
Army List	M
Art Journal	M
Athenæum	W
Atalanta	M
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast Weekly News	W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
British Book Maker	M
*British Trade Review	Q
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charity Record	F
*Charles' Parish Magazine (Plymouth)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Reformer	M
*Church Times	W
Chums	W
Civil Service Aspirant	W
Civil Service Coach	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
Classical Review	M
Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Colonist	M
Contemporary Review	M
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Somerset Weekly News	W
*Devon Evening Express	D
Draper's Record	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
Engineer	W
*English Churchman (2 copies)	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
Evening School Chronicle	M
Ex Libris Journal	M
*Falmouth and Penryn Times	W
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
Figaro	W
*Fireside News	W
Fortnightly Review	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Freeman's Journal	D
*Freethinker	W
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Fun	W
Gardeners' Magazine	W
Gentlewoman (2 copies)	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
*Hampshire Independent	W
* Hardwicke's Science Gossip	M
*Harper's Monthly	M
*Heretic	M
*Home	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Idler	M
*Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
*In His Name	M
Incorporated Accountants' Journal	Q
*Insurance Agent	M
*Insurance Spectator	M
Invention	W
*Inventor's Review	M
Judy	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour Gazette	M
Ladies' Treasury	M
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberator	M
Literary News	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's Magazine (2 copies)	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
Magazine of Art	M
*Magic Lantern	M
*Medium and Daybreak (2 copies)	W
*Metropolitan	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Post	D
Muses	Q
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
Musician's Monthly Journal	M
Musical News	M
Nature	W
*Natural Food	M
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
Newbery House Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian (two copies)	W
New Review	M
Nineteenth Century	M
*Northern Whig	D
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottinghamshire Guardian	W
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work at Home and Abroad (2 copies)	M
*Oxford University Extension Gazette	M
*Paignton Observer	W
Pall Mall Budget	W
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
*Paper Maker	M
*Patents Office Journal	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Present Truth	M
Protestant Observer	M
*Plymouth Comet	W
Positivist's Review	M
Power	M
*Printers' Register	M
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
Redruth Independent	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	
Review of Reviews	M
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*Rural World	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M
*St. Austell Weekly News	W
*Salcombe Times	W
Sanitary Record	W
Saturday Review	W
Science and Art	M
Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Season	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
*Signs of the Times	W
Sketch	W
*South Australian Chronicle	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W and M
Spinning Wheel	W
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
Star	D
St. James' Gazette	D
*Stationery World	M
Studio	M
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
Standard	D
Strand Magazine	M

Sunday at Home	M
Sunday Magazine	M
Temperance Advocate	M
Temperance Herald	M
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (Weekly Edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Truth	W
*Unity and Friendly Societies	M
*University Correspondent	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Western Antiquary	Q
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (2 copies)	BI-W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Western World	M
Westminster Review	M
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Woman	W
Woman at Home	M
World	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
Young England	M
Young Man	M
Young Woman	M
*Zoophilist	M

ALSO THE FOLLOWING

RAILWAY AND OTHER OFFICIAL TIME TABLES.

English Railways.

Great Eastern
Great Western
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Liverpool
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern

Irish Railways.

Waterford and Central

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited)
Clyde Shipping Company Passenger Handbook
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourists' Gazette
Queensland Royal Mail Line (Messrs. Weekes, Phillips & Co., Agents)

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties' Railway Guide
London and South Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other Works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

UNION ST. READING ROOM.

D.—*Daily.* W.—*Weekly.* M.—*Monthly.* Q.—*Quarterly.*

British Weekly	W	Pall Mall Gazette	D
British Workman	M	People	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	People's Weekly	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Plymouth Comet	W
Chums	W	Punch	W
Church in the West	W	Quiver	M
Daily Chronicle	D	Standard	D
Daily Graphic	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily News	D	Times (weekly edition)	W
Daily Telegraph	D	Weekly Sun	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Daily Mercury	D
English Mechanic	W	Western Figaro	W
Ex Libris Journal	M	Western Independent	BI-W
Good Health	W	Western Morning News	D
Good Words	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Graphic	W	Western Weekly News	W
Illustrated London News	W	Western Antiquary	Q
Invention	W	Westminster Budget	W
Leisure Hour	M	Do. Gazette	D
Naval and Military Record	W	Woman	W
Pall Mall Budget	W		

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

CATTEDOWN ROAD READING ROOM.

D.—*Daily.* W.—*Weekly.* M.—*Monthly*

British Workman	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Chambers' Journal	M	People's Weekly	W
Chums	W	Plymouth Comet	W
Daily Telegraph (2nd day)	D	Public Opinion	W
Daily Graphic	D	Punch	W
Daily News	D	Review of Reviews	M
Daily Chronicle (2nd day)	D	Shipping Gazette	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Spinning Wheel	W
Ex Libris Journal	M	Standard	D
Fun	W	Strand Magazine	M
Good Words	M	Western Daily Mercury	D
Graphic	W	Western Daily Press	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Figaro	W
Labour Gazette	M	Western Independent	BI-W
Labour News	W	Western Morning News	D
Leisure Hour	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Naval and Military Record	W	Western Weekly News	W
Pall Mall Gazette	D	Westminster Gazette	D

BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

AND

NEWS-ROOMS.

Rules and Regulations.

1.—The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library and News-Rooms; and shall be responsible to the Committee for all the property belonging thereto, and for the safe keeping of the Books.

2.—No person who is in a state of intoxication shall be admitted into the Library or News-Rooms. No audible conversation shall be permitted in either room; nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshment therein. Any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or shall be guilty of any misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain in the building.

3.—The Lending Library and Reference Library shall be open to the public every day, except Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday; the former from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., the latter from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and the News-Room every day (with the same exceptions), from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Library is closed on Bank Holidays, and at 2 o'clock on Wednesdays, but open until 10 on Saturdays. The Ladies' Room is open from 9 a.m. to 9-30 p.m.

4.—The Library shall be closed for one week, twice in each year, for the purpose of cleaning and re-arrangement of books. Seven days' notice shall be given of such closing, in order that all books may be returned to the Library for examination. All books borrowed from the Library must, therefore, be returned, irrespective of the time allowed for reading, on or before the 30th June and 31st December in each year respectively. Borrowers neglecting to comply with this Rule will risk the forfeiture of their Tickets, and will incur a *special fine of sixpence per week*, or portion of a week.

5.—Persons enrolled as Burgesses of the Municipal Borough of Plymouth, or duly certified Ratepayers,* or Donors of Five Pounds and upwards, shall be entitled to borrow books for home reading, on their own responsibility, on signing acceptance of these Rules on a form which shall be kept for the purpose. Persons not so enrolled, or not otherwise eligible, shall be required to obtain the signature of

* See Special Notes at end.

one Burgess to the following voucher, which must be renewed annually:

I, the undersigned, being a Burgess of the Borough of Plymouth, declare that I believe .....occupation.....aged ..... of No.....to be a person to whom Books may be safely entrusted for perusal; and I hereby undertake to replace or pay the value of any Book belonging to the Corporation of Plymouth, which shall be lost or materially injured by the said borrower.

Name of Applicant.	Occupation.	Age.	Address.	Ward.

☞ Children under the age of Fourteen Years are required to obtain the written authority of one parent to the application for a Ticket in addition to that of the ordinary Guarantor, unless the Guarantor is also the Parent.

Signature of Guarantor..... *Address* .....
Date of Application..... *Ward* .....
Signature of Parent..... *Address* .....

*** Books can be taken out of the Library only by Ratepayers, or persons resident in or employed in the Municipal Borough of Plymouth.

6.—Any person having signed this engagement who shall afterwards desire to withdraw from the same, must give notice thereof in writing to the Librarian, who will give a release as soon as he shall have ascertained that no liability remains undischarged. The responsibility incurred by a guarantor's engagement shall terminate on the expiration of one year from the date of signature, when the borrower's card will be cancelled. Another voucher must then be obtained.

7.—A voucher, which may be had on application to the Librarian, must be left at the Library one clear day before the first issue of books to the person recommended therein; and on being found correct, a Borrower's Ticket will be delivered to the person so recommended, entitling him or her to borrow books, subject to the Rules and Regulations in force for the time being. The sum of one penny will be charged for each voucher issued, to cover the cost thereof.

8.—Borrower's cards are not transferable; and borrowers are cautioned against losing them, as they will be held responsible for any book or books which may be taken out of the Library by the use of their tickets. These tickets must be renewed every year from the date of issue by the borrower in person. Lost tickets can be replaced, after one day's clear notice has been given, on payment of twopence. Borrowers must produce their tickets upon every application for and return of a book.

9.—Borrowers, when they change their residences, are required to notify the same in writing to the Librarian, within one week of such change, under the penalty of forfeiture of their tickets.

10.—Borrowers leaving town, or ceasing to use the Library, are required to return their tickets to the Librarian, in order that their guarantee may be cancelled; otherwise they and their guarantor will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

11.—Every person on obtaining a borrower's ticket, must sign for the same, and state his or her occupation and residence in a book provided for that purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be assent to the Rules and Regulations of the Plymouth Free Public Library for the time being.

12.—It is desirable that books should be applied for by borrowers themselves. When they cannot conveniently visit the Library, they are requested to send a responsible messenger, competent to deliver their messages, and to take due care of the books. The Librarian has instructions to refuse books to messengers who, in his judgment, are not competent to take proper care of them.

13.—No reader shall be allowed to pass within the enclosure of the Library, or to remove books from the shelves; and visitors are requested to be as silent as possible.

14.—Application for books must be made on the forms provided for the purpose, upon which the borrower's Number and the Title of the book required should be legibly written down, together with the Number and Class affixed to it in the Indicator-Catalogue, the borrower dating and signing the same. Directions for consulting the Indicator will be found in the Library; and it is necessary that the borrower should refer to the Indicator before applying at the Issuing Desk for a book.

15.—Borrowers are requested, on returning their books, to hand them over to the Librarian or his assistant, and not to leave them on the counter, or give them into the hands of strangers. The borrowers will be held responsible for books not so delivered, or duly entered as being returned by them. Borrowers are not allowed to lend to other persons the books delivered to them.

16.—Books cannot be exchanged twice in one day, nor before twelve o'clock on the day following the issue or last transaction with the borrower.

17.—Borrowers are earnestly requested to keep the books clean, not to fold down the leaves, or to mark them in any way with pencil or ink. It is also requested that they be kept from the hands of young children.

18.—Borrowers are permitted to take complete works at a single issue, if required, provided that the number of volumes does not exceed three. In all cases, the whole must be returned at the expiration of the time specified for one volume. The time for reading may, however, be extended, if the work be not required by another borrower. See Rule 21.

19.—Borrowers may bespeak books which are in circulation, by depositing with the Librarian an addressed post card, bearing title and number of book required. On the book coming in, the post-card will be sent to the address, with an intimation that the book will be retained for twenty-four hours. Printed post-cards are obtainable at the counter at one penny each.

20.—The Librarian or his assistant shall carefully examine each book returned; and if any book be soiled, written in, or otherwise injured, or any book be lost, the borrower or his guarantor must immediately replace such book, or (in case of works comprising more than one volume) the set of books to which it may belong, or pay for the damage or loss. Books stolen or lost shall continue to be at the disposal of the Library Committee, although replaced or paid for.

21.—All books must be returned within the time specified on the respective labels; but the time for reading may be renewed on application (except in the case of new works or books much in demand, or when required, as per Rule 18.) Borrowers detaining books beyond the time allowed for reading, will be fined one penny for the whole or any portion of the first week, and one penny for each week or portion of a week afterwards. If these fines be not paid after two applications for the same, no further books will be issued to the borrower, and the ticket will be cancelled. The borrower will also be required to pay the expenses of all applications made to him or her by the Librarian. In the event of any book not being returned within twenty-eight days from the date of issue, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to call upon the borrower or the surety to replace it. In the case of parts of Magazines or Reviews, they must be returned within seven days, under a penalty of one penny each day over the time allowed. See also Rule 4.

22.—The Librarian shall have the power to refuse books to any applicant who shall neglect or refuse compliance with these Rules and Regulations; but any person so refused shall have liberty to appeal to the Library Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

23.—A Proposal Book is kept at the Library, to receive suggestions from readers as to any book they may consider desirable to be introduced into the Library. This book is laid before the Committee for their consideration at their periodical meetings, when books so proposed will be balloted for in accordance with the bye-laws.

24.—Printed Catalogues may be purchased at the Library; and copies of the same, with the manuscript catalogue of the latest additions, are placed in the Library for reference.

25.—If any borrower fail to return to the Lending Library books lent to him or her under these Rules and Regulations, or to pay any costs, expenses, damages, or fines incurred, it shall be recoverable as a debt; and in any action, the Librarian, acting for the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, being entitled to recover, shall be taken as admitted.

RULES SPECIALLY APPLICABLE TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY AND PATENTS ROOM.

26.—Books may be obtained to read in the Reference Library by signing a Reader's Ticket, which may be had on application. Such signature will be considered as an assent to the General Rules and Regulations of the Library; but the Committee would recommend regular readers to provide themselves with a Reader's Medal, price twopence, which will render the forms unnecessary in their case. This medal must be presented at every application for a book, and will be returned when the book is handed back to the attendant. These medals will not be issued to youths under the age of sixteen, except for special reasons with the consent of the Librarian. Books so obtained are not to be taken out of the Library under any circumstances. In cases of misconduct, the Librarian has authority to suspend the medal-holder from further privileges, subject to appeal, as per Rule 21.

27.—Persons under fourteen years of age are not admitted to the News-rooms.

28.—It is expressly forbidden to remove from the Reference Department any book, map, manuscript, or any other article belonging thereto, or to write or make any marks upon the same. Readers are particularly requested not to soil the works used, as many of them are of considerable value. In making extracts, the use of pencil only can be allowed, and great care must be observed. For making traces of plates or drawings, special leave must be obtained of the Librarian, in order that the work may in no way be injured.

NEWS-ROOMS.

29.—Newspapers and Magazines must not be removed from the stands upon which they are placed, except by the permission of the Librarian; and it is particularly requested that readers will replace the various publications when done with, upon the tables to which they belong.

30.—No periodical can be retained longer than ten minutes after it has been enquired for by another person.

31.—Any person found removing any newspaper, magazine, or other article from the News-room will be liable to be prosecuted. All the General Rules apply likewise to these departments.

32.—Special attention is called to the following clauses of 8 and 9 Victoria, cap. 44:—

"Every person who shall unlawfully and maliciously destroy or damage anything kept for the purposes of art, science, or literature . . . . . in any . . . . . library . . . . . which . . . . . is either at all times or from time to time open for the admission of the Public . . . . . shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being duly convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding six months; and, if a male, may during the period of such imprisonment be put to hard labour, or be once, twice, or thrice

privately whipped, in such manner as the Court before which such person shall be tried shall direct."

"Any person found committing any offence against this Act may be immediately apprehended without a warrant, by any person, and forthwith taken before some neighbouring Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with according to the law."

33.—The income being principally derived in accordance with Sec. 2 of the "Public Libraries' Act" (29 and 30 Vic., cap 114). and from annual voluntary contributions, the Society shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto or between any of its members.

By order of the Committee,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

Revised October, 1893.

Note to Rule 5.—By a recent decision of the Library Committee it will be seen that this Rule has been somewhat modified, to allow of Ratepayers, whose names are not included in the Official Burgess Roll, taking Books on their own responsibility and signing papers as Burgesses for members of their families. The Librarian has instructions to assure himself of the necessary qualifications of such persons as Ratepayers, before issuing the Tickets.

Attention is called to the New Regulation for the extension of Privileges to Non-Residents.

By an Act of Parliament which came into operation on the 1st of October, 1892, Library Authorities have been empowered to lend books to persons residing outside the boundaries of the Municipality. Acting under this provision the Library Committee of Plymouth have made arrangements by which books will be issued to non-residents for home use on very low terms, viz., a Subscription of 5s. per annum.

Persons residing at Mannamead, Stoke Damerel, Stonehouse, Plympton, Plymstock, Oreston, Laira, Turnchapel, and other places in the immediate neighbourhood of the Three Towns, may now take advantage of this large and growing library, which contains over 30,000 volumes of books in all departments of literature, and is constantly receiving additions of current works.

Intending Subscribers should apply for a Special Voucher at once, which, on being certified, will be exchanged for a Borrower's Ticket, and a receipt given for the Subscription. These Tickets are not transferable, and can be used only by one member of a family; but no restriction is placed upon the number of tickets issued to one household. Each borrower is allowed to take a complete work at a single issue, if desired, provided that the number of volumes does not exceed three. Books may be exchanged daily, or renewed from time to time, to suit the convenience of the borrower, provided that they be not required by another borrower. Borrowers may also bespeak books which are not in on first application.

Subscribers are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Library.

The Lending Library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Wednesdays the Library closes at Two o'clock; on Saturdays it remains open until Ten o'clock.

Non-residents have also the privilege of using the Newsrooms and Reference Library Free.

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Eighteenth Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS

COMMITTEE:

(From April 1st, 1894, to March 31st, 1895)

INCLUDING

THE HON. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
NAMES OF DONORS, &c.

Presented to the Council May 15th, 1895.

1894-95.

Plymouth:
W. F. WESTCOTT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER.
1895.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1894-95.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
WILLIAM LAW, Esq.

Alderman Rev. F. E. ANTHONY	Councillor W. N. ELLIOTT
Alderman JOHN GREENWAY	Councillor T. WILLIAMS
Alderman JOHN SHELLY	Councillor W. WILLOUGHBY

Members not of the Council:

Rev. T. H. HOWARD, M.A.	Mr. G. PORTER ROGERS
Rev. SAMUEL VINCENT	Mr. GEO. R. BARRETT
Mr. H. PENROSE PRANCE	Mr. LOUIS SANSOM

Deputy Chairman: Rev. F. E. ANTHONY, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. GEO. R. BARRETT

Sub-Committees:

Finance.—Messrs. Barrett, Elliott, Rogers, Sansom.

General Purposes.—Messrs. Barrett, Elliott, Howard, Rogers. Sansom, Williams, Willoughby.

Book Selection.—The whole Committee.

Chairman and Deputy Chairman are *ex-officio* Members of all Committees.

Officers:

Secretary and Borough Librarian:
W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R.HIST.SOC.

Assistant Librarian: W. J. BENNETTS.

Assistant, Reference Library.—H. Weller.

Junior Assistants.—R. Wellington, W. Hawke, J. Kerslake, T. Burrow.

Caretaker.—Isaac Gould.

News-Rooms Attendant.—E. Burley.

Attendant, Cattedown-Road Reading Room.—W. Matthews.

Attendant, Union Street Branch.—T. Potter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE Report of the Librarian to the Committee sufficiently indicates our present position in relation to the all-important question of better and more convenient provision for the convenience of the very large number of our fellow-townsmen who avail themselves of the advantages of the Free Library.

The Committee, with very great reluctance, have been constrained to forego any immediate realization of their earnest wishes in regard to a more suitable and central site for the Library. They have, therefore, fallen back upon the scheme sanctioned by the Council about three years ago for the improvement of the present building.

After prolonged consultation with the Architect (Mr. H. J. Snell), they have accepted plans for increasing its accommodation and adding to the comfort of its frequenters, and have obtained the consent of the Town Council for carrying them out. The Committee are also indebted to the Finance Committee of the Council for their ready assent to the request that the Borough Treasurer should be authorised to advance money to an amount not exceeding £1,600, to meet the outlay thus incurred; this advance to be repaid by yearly instalments out of the income granted by the Council to the Library Committee.

The contemplated alterations are described in detail in the Librarian's Report. They will provide shelf-accommodation for 10,000 more volumes, and, it is hoped, will meet the more pressing requirements of the Institution for the next eight or ten years. By that time the way may be clear for the acquisition of a site for a new building specially erected for the purpose, which has so long been the goal of our aspirations, and without which it is impossible that our Public Library should be worthy of the size and importance of the Metropolis of the West.

FREDERIC E. ANTHONY,

April 30th, 1895. *Deputy Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER.

To the Members of the Borough of Plymouth County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you my second Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March, 1895, I am pleased to report the continued progress and prosperity of the Institution. The Librarian's Report is so full of details, both as regards the regular work of the Library and the contemplated structural changes, that there is no need to do more than to commend it to your consideration.

As regards the finances, I am glad to be able to state that your Committee have been enabled to make considerable additions to the Library stock, the items for new books, binding, newspapers, and magazines, amounting to more than £500, the largest sum yet spent in one year since the first establishment of the Library.

The opening and maintenance of the two Branch Evening Reading Rooms has made a corresponding increase in the establishment charges, and the large circulation of books (particularly those issued in connection with the School Libraries) has necessitated heavy binders' charges.

The Committee feel that in all these matters, as well as in the general expenditure for lighting, heating, and control, they are ministering to the needs of an ever-increasing public; and they are gratified to find that the Institution maintains its popularity. In applying, as usual, for the full proceeds of a penny rate for the current year, I can only reiterate what has been so frequently said by my predecessors, that the Council may deal as liberally as lies in their power with this popular and growing Institution. In view of the large expense now about to be incurred for the alteration and renovation of the building, the Committee will be compelled to curtail to some extent the expenditure for new books, contenting themselves with the occasional acquisition of good standard works and others which are absolutely needed to keep the Library up-to-date, and the necessary replacement of worn-out volumes.

As regards the contemplated loan, which has been treated of in the Report of the Deputy-Chairman, it may be further stated that it is proposed to set aside a sum sufficient each year to clear off this liability in about eight years. With the steady increase in the income derivable from the rate, the Committee feel that this can be done without seriously crippling the efficiency of the institution. They regret, however, that the large amount of the tender for the alterations will not give them sufficient margin to improve the heating apparatus and to adopt an entirely new system of lighting, as was at first contemplated. The same consideration must operate with them in the matter of new furniture.

The Report of the Librarian, to which I have before alluded, will doubtless be read with interest by the members of the Council, recording as it does steady progress after nearly twenty years' working, and testifying to the zeal and ability with which that officer discharges his duties.

GEO. R. BARRETT, *Hon. Treasurer.*

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1894, to March 31st, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bankers and Cash Balances				466	5	0
,, Corporation (per Borough Treasurer) in four Quarterly Instalments, as follows:—						
1894—July 12th	300	0	0			
October 25th	300	0	0			
1895—February 22nd	300	0	0			
March 27th	324	0	0	1224	0	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Tickets				10	7	4
,, Sale of Readers' Medals				0	9	6
,, Sale of Catalogues and Rules				1	5	0
,, Sale of Postcards				1	4	5
,, Sale of Old Papers				1	18	2
,, Fines from Borrowers				35	5	4
,, Damaged and Lost Books				0	7	2
,, Subscriptions from Non-Residents				2	1	0
				£1743	2	11

EXPENDITURE.

				£	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, and Renovation				35	5	5
,, Salaries, Wages, and Branch Charges				511	2	6
,, Printing and Stationery (General)				43	17	6
,, Printing Annual Report				6	5	0
,, Purchase of Books				275	11	5
,, Binding and Repairs				68	0	3
,, Magazines				29	15	2
,, Newspapers				131	11	3
,, Gas and Fuel				58	9	0
,, Insurance				8	12	11
,, Cataloguing and Assistance				45	10	0
,, Railway Charges, Porterage, etc.				16	17	10
,, Postages, Notices to Borrowers, Bank Cheque, etc.				7	0	0
,, Auditors' Fees				2	2	0
,, Cleaning and Sundries				10	16	6
,, Taxes				5	16	8
,, Bankers and Cash Balances ..	500	8	0			
Less Cheques not presented ..	13	18	6	486	9	6
				£1743	2	11

Audited May 2nd, 1895.

(Signed) GEO. R. BARRETT, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(Signed) S. J. BLEWETT, G. HICKS } *Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1894-95.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman) and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The Eighteenth Annual Report of this Institution differs but little from its predecessors; it records fairly satisfactory progress, carried on under somewhat adverse conditions, owing to restricted space for both stock and readers. These conditions will, it is hoped, shortly be improved by the proposed alterations, the scheme of which you have approved, as well as the plans, which have received the sanction of the Council. To this subject I shall refer later in this Report.

The general work of the Library has proceeded as usual, with little that calls for special comment. The series of Tables, I. to X., furnish particulars of the steady growth of the Library, the number of persons using it, the issues of books in all departments, and the aggregate circulation of books since the opening in 1876. Thus it will be seen from Tables VII., VIII., and IX., that the total issues for the year 1894-95 have been 292,599, of which 58,366 were consulted in the Reference Library. The circulation of Juvenile books at the Central Library and in the Schools continues unabated; and the turnover at the two branches, as well as at the Police Headquarters, is steadily growing. The Daily Average in all departments for the year was 1026, but little less than in the previous year. When this is compared with the issues for 1876-77 (347 per day) you will be able to

judge of the vast increase of the work of the Library, and of its proportionate value to the community. The most satisfactory feature in my opinion is the increased use of the Reference Library, a much larger percentage of good standard works being now consulted than ever before. About 1700 volumes have been added to the Library since the issue of the last Report, two thirds of which have been allotted to Classes K and L (forming the Reference Department), the remainder to the various classes as shown in Table I. The total number of volumes in the Library (exclusive of the Patents' Specifications) is now nearly 40,000.

Tables II., III., IV., V., VI., give the statistics of Borrowers, from which it appears that we have issued during the year 2,306 new tickets, of which 2,211 were at the Central Library and 95 at the Branches. In addition there are several thousand borrowers who use the School Libraries, but to whom no tickets are issued; also members of the Police Force, whose names we do not record.

Comparatively few non-residents have taken advantage of the provision, sanctioned by Act of Parliament in 1892, by which persons residing outside the Municipal area may have all the privileges of the Library upon payment of a small subscription, which in our case is fixed at Five Shillings per annum, but doubtless this also will grow in favour as such facilities become known to the public.

I append to the Report a list of all the periodicals supplied to the Central News Rooms and Branches, and also a selected list of the more important additions of books made to the Reference Library (Classes K and L). In these accessions special mention should be made of a set of the *Times* newspaper, from 1831 to 1894, in all 206 volumes, presented by the Committee of the Plymouth Proprietary Library. To this valuable set of reference works we have added, by purchase, about 120 volumes of "Palmer's Index to the *Times*," which will be found of the greatest possible service to those who are seeking information on events which have occurred during the greater part of the present century. Another valuable acquisition is the "Jeypore Portfolio of Architectural Details," published under the patronage of H.H. the Maharajah of Jeypore, by whom the work, in six parts, has been presented to this Library.

Amongst other important additions recently made are the publications of several eminent societies, such as the Harleian

Society, the Ballad Society, the Palæontographical Society, the Philological Society, the Royal Meteorological Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Transactions of the Congress of Hygiene (1892), and others. The Dictionary of National Biography is also rapidly approaching completion; and Dr. Murray's New English Dictionary is making a steady advance. From the Trustees of the British Museum we have received many important works, one of the most valuable being the Printed Catalogue of the Books in our National Library. The United States are well represented by the publications of the Smithsonian Society.

As to our Evening Reading Rooms, that at Union Street goes on most satisfactorily, but I regret to say that I have received numerous complaints of the behaviour of a number of noisy lads, who make it a practice to disturb the readers at the Cattedown-Road Branch. I am using every possible endeavour to abate this annoyance, and have on several occasions called in the aid of the police for the protection of the readers from these unruly members of the community. If a few of the better disposed of the frequenters of the Reading Room would volunteer to assist the attendants, and bring the offenders to justice, I feel sure that this state of things would no longer continue.

The work of re-cataloguing the whole Library, with a view to the publication of sectional catalogues, as mentioned in my last Report, is proceeding satisfactorily, and I am only awaiting your instructions to proceed to the printing of Sections C (History) and E (Art, Science, and Natural History). Other sections will be put in hand at once.

One item in our expenditure for the past year is the charge made upon us by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for Income Tax. Appeal was made against this claim, but to no purpose. It is, however, satisfactory to note that for more than eighteen years we have been exempt from this charge; and I anticipate that before long such Institutions as ours will be declared by Imperial legislation free from the payment of both Imperial and Local Rates and Taxes. Meanwhile the Committee of the Manchester Public Library have decided to appeal to the House of Lords for exemption, and they have requisitioned the other Library authorities in the Kingdom to support them in their efforts in that direction.

In September last I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, held at Belfast,

under the presidency of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. The meeting was a highly successful one, the attendance of members being unusually large. A large number of good practical papers were read, and many important matters were discussed, in which Library legislation and management occupied a prominent position. The hospitality extended to the members was exceptionally good, and gave abundant evidence of the public spirit of the inhabitants of the northern Irish city. I took the opportunity of minutely inspecting the Public Library of Belfast, and was very much impressed with the thoroughness with which all the appointments had been carried out. I also re-visited the Libraries of Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Liverpool, thus adding to my previous knowledge of the working of those large and popular Institutions. I have the honour still to hold office as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Library Association, which will shortly be incorporated by Royal Charter. The next Annual Meeting will be held at Cardiff.

During the past year a Committee of the Council have considered proposals for converting Beaumont House into a Museum, but the scheme was rejected by the Council on the score of expense. If not too late, I would suggest the desirability of our having the use of two or three rooms for a Branch Reading Room and Lending Library in this building, which could be done at a comparatively small cost. Such an arrangement would tend greatly to popularise this, one of the most important of our recent municipal acquisitions. It is, however, unfortunate that the town has been unable to secure the valuable gifts offered by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, Mr. Robert Burnard, and others, as mentioned in my last Report.

I have passed over very briefly the ordinary work of the Library in order that I may have more space to enter into details of the extensive changes now pending, and to which I have already alluded.

When I last addressed you, the wish was expressed that the Council might be induced to grant a portion of the site adjoining the Technical Schools for the erection of a new Library; but that wish has not been realised, and it therefore becomes necessary to place upon record the steps which have been taken for providing better accommodation in the existing building.

In May last I laid before you the following Report, which brought the information on this topic up to date:—

Report on the Re-arrangement and Re-construction of the present Library Building.

GENTLEMEN,

I venture to lay before you the following details of the scheme for improving and adapting the present premises in accordance with my suggestion made in 1892, approved by you, and formally sanctioned by the Council in the month of October of the same year.

In the first place allow me to observe that all our departments are more or less cramped for want of proper space, that our valuable stock of books cannot be arranged in a convenient manner; that our accommodation for readers is very limited, and that the internal as well as the external appearance of the building is not such as to commend it to students, to visitors, or to the general public.

Failing therefore the acquisition of a new site at a comparatively early date, it has occurred to me that a reconstruction of the present premises upon the lines here indicated, would to some extent meet our wants for the time being, although it would not give us such cheerful, lofty, and well-ventilated rooms as are necessary and desirable.

My proposals are therefore as follows, according to the plan drawn out some time ago by Mr. G. D. Bellamy, then Borough Surveyor, agreed to by the Library Committee, and sanctioned by the Town Council.

That the entrance shall be at the west end of the building, instead of at the side as at present. I need scarcely call your attention to the dangers of the present main entrance, from passing vehicles, or the general inconvenience owing to the position of the staircase, as well as the worn state of the stairs.

Entering therefore, at the western end of the building, we should find a spacious lobby, formed of the room now used as a store-room, but at one time occupied as a temporary rate-office; the side passage being also taken into this lobby. This would, however, involve a descent of several steps to reach the level of the lower room, which we propose to annex. A new flight of stairs will lead to the floors above, now occupied by the News-Room, Ladies' Room, Lending Library, and Reference Library. The vestibule or corridor would be continued to the end of the passage, the entrance to the News-Room being about midway on the right, as shown on the plan.

On the ground floor it is proposed to make a new room, about 60 feet by 24 feet, as the General News-Room, fitted throughout with Newspaper Stands and Reading Slopes, and with one or two tables only, as I propose to find accommodation for Magazines and other serials of that class elsewhere, sitting accommodation not being deemed advisable in much-frequented Reading Rooms. To obtain this it will be necessary to disturb all the existing arrangements on that floor.

The Vaccination Room, which is only used for that purpose on one day

per week and only for about two hours.—This room is now used for the storage of the greater portion of our "Patents Specifications," for which of course we should be obliged to find accommodation elsewhere; *The Penny Bank*, only used on Saturday night; and the dwelling apartments of the caretaker for the Guardians, for whom better accommodation should be provided elsewhere. We should also take in that portion of the court-yard now covered by our present News-Rooms, and marked on the plan. Urinal accommodation might be provided at the eastern end, in the angle outside the proposed new room; the present public urinal being entirely removed or remodelled, and it would be necessary to remove the whole or the greater portion of the outer wall to obtain light for the News Room (on the Bull Hill side).

A room at the end of the vestibule or corridor, now used as a scullery, might be utilized for the storage of the Patents; but if the adjoining room (now used as a Fire Engine Station) could be secured, one continuous room of good proportions might be provided, which would give ample space for the Patents, and for other purposes as well; a bindery for instance, as many libraries are employing binders on the premises for repairing and odd matters hardly worth sending to the regular binders, thus saving expense.

Coming now to the first floor, which would be reached by a new flight of stairs direct from the main entrance, it is proposed to transfer the Issuing Department of the Lending Library to the present News Room; the entrance being as at present. A considerable space at the western end of the room would be given up for the convenience of borrowers for consulting catalogues, securing tickets, selecting books from the counter, etc.; and the Indicator, slightly remodelled, would then run nearly across the room, with a return the whole length of the room, with openings at intervals for the issue of books. Within, and screened off by the Indicator, shelves would be provided for the books most in demand, and as near as possible to the issuing desks. The remainder of the books would be kept in their present positions in the large hall, approach being had through the present window. It is scarcely necessary to point out that the present News Room is admirably adapted for the Lending Department of the Library, owing to the numerous windows in positions where most required. Again, after so many years' working, it would be as well to introduce some improvements in the Indicator, which have lately been suggested to us in our working.

I now come to deal with the present Lending Library (the large hall); and this I propose to transform into a Magazine Room, which I am sure would be a popular arrangement, filling the centre, between the hot-water pipes, with tables and chairs, and erecting a light barrier over the pipes; the inner space close to the shelving being reserved for the staff, and for convenience in getting the books. I would also suggest that the shelves be raised to the cornice, and that light iron galleries be affixed, one on a level

with the present staircase, the other at about eight feet from the floor; these to be continued to the end of the shelving on the opposite side of the room, with a second iron staircase at the end to correspond. This would give additional accommodation for several thousand volumes, and be a great convenience in working. Of course the public would not have access to these galleries, or in fact to any portion of the shelves.

It is an open question if the Ladies' Reading Room might not with advantage be removed to the large hall, a portion of the space being partitioned off for their use. This is done in many libraries. In that case the room at present devoted to lady readers might be utilised as a Committee Room, and for other special purposes.

Very slight alterations are necessary on the upper floor (Reference Library); but I would suggest the removal of a lath-and-plaster partition in the present Committee Room, the bay or recess being thrown into the room, and the shelving continued there for an extension of the Local Department, which is very much needed. An additional light might be obtained for this room by opening out a window at the point just alluded to.

In view of the acquisition of the valuable set of the *Times* from the Cornwall Street Library, some provision will have to be made for these bulky volumes; but I think this may be found in the Newspaper Room.

In the foregoing suggestions I have simply described my proposals for adapting the building to our increased requirements, and have left the practical part of the scheme, as regards structural alterations, to the architect whom it is proposed to consult on the matter. I might, however, suggest a few points of a general character:—

That to save expense, the stonework of the existing doorway might be used for the new entrance, and that a suitable lamp, lettered, be placed above it.

That an effort should be made to secure the place now used as a Fire-engine Station.

That the Borough Surveyor should be consulted as to the removal of the public urinal.

That the roof, gutters, and rain-pipes should be repaired at the earliest possible moment. The Surveyor has been apprised of this.

That comparatively little new furniture would be required, as all the reading slopes could be transferred to the new rooms, and we have nearly sufficient tables for our other purposes. I would, however, suggest that a better class of chair (with arms preferred) be provided for the Magazine Room and Reference Library; the present Windsor chair being of the commonest pattern.

Also that the Indicator should be re-modelled by Mr. Stanlake in accordance with my previous suggestion.

With these alterations and improvements, our accommodation, both for books and readers, would be largely increased; and it would be desirable

for the work to be done during the summer months, when the attendance in all departments is less than in the winter.

The above Report was carefully considered by you on the 29th of May, 1894, with the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee thereon, and it was decided to consult Mr. H. J. Snell, the architect, and instruct him to prepare plans for the proposed alterations, subject to some modifications, and to furnish a full report on the same. Another meeting was held on August 7th, when Mr. Snell was present, and submitted plans and report. The Committee met again on August 21st, when Mr. Snell submitted more detailed plans, and intimated that the cost of the alterations, with the necessary furniture and fittings, would be about £1,600. The scheme was approved, but action was deferred in order that the Committee might again test the feelings of the Council as to the larger scheme of the appropriation of the Cattle Market Site, it being generally considered undesirable to lay out so large a sum as that named for a mere temporary purpose, unless absolutely necessary.

On September 4th the Committee met and resolved:—

"That in view of the decision of the Council, that it is undesirable at present to grant the Cattle Market Site for a new building for the library, the Committee are prepared to adopt the plans submitted by the architect for the extension and improvement of the present building, involving an estimated expenditure of £1,600, provided that the Finance Committee of the Council will grant a temporary loan to meet this outlay. Also that an application be made to the Finance Committee for this assistance."

This application came before the Council on the 15th October last, on a recommendation from the Finance Committee, and was carried by a very large majority, the effort to pass the larger scheme proving abortive; this being reported to the Library Committee by the Deputy Chairman (Rev. F. E. Anthony), on the 25th of the same month.

Acting upon this, the Committee authorised Mr. Snell to prepare working drawings, and to take such other steps as might be necessary for carrying out the work.

These matters occupied the architect for some months, but on February 26th, 1895, Mr. Snell again met the Committee, and submitted working plans and specifications. Arrangements were then made for obtaining tenders, and preliminary steps were

taken for bringing to a close the tenancy of the occupants in the rooms in the basement.

Sundry modifications were made in the original scheme, and some improvements, which were suggested while the plans were being prepared, have been approved. Of these, special mention should be made of the following :—

A portion of the large hall to be screened off as a Ladies' Room, in place of the small and badly-ventilated apartment which now does duty for that purpose. The low ceiling in the Reference Library to be removed, and the room opened up to the roof. A most extensive system of ventilation has been prepared by the architect, shafts being fixed in each of the floors, the whole communicating with a series of Boyle's Patent Ventilators in the roof. The present Ladies' Room will be enlarged by the removal of an inner wall, and taking in the old strong-room, and will then be used for the storage of Patents' Specifications and for other special purposes. The new main staircase will be of very easy ascent, and will be well lighted throughout. Improvements will be made in the lighting of all the rooms, but the Committee are unable, through lack of funds, to extend the present system of heating, as that would involve a further expenditure of £250. These are a few of the more important features of the alterations, not fully gone into in my preliminary Report.

On the 2nd April of the present year the Committee met to receive tenders; eighteen in all being sent in. The tender of Mr. W. Trevena, of Barley House Estate, for £1,462, was accepted, subject to the approval of the Council, and arrangements made for getting the contract prepared and signed; the work to commence as soon as the apartments in the basement could be handed over to the contractor. I am happy to say that all the preliminaries have now been satisfactorily settled, and that work will be commenced early in May. Three months at least will be occupied in carrying out the work, during a portion of which time it will be necessary to close the Library; but I trust that we may be able to make arrangements for keeping open the News Room almost continuously while the alterations are in progress.

It is, however, evident that the erection of a new staircase and entrance, with other structural alterations, and the entire re-arrangement of all the Departments, must necessitate a considerable amount of inconvenience to the public and to the Library

staff. My best efforts will, however, be devoted to the reduction of that inconvenience to the minimum; and I hope that we shall be in a position to re-open the Library on or near the nineteenth anniversary of the inauguration of this institution—30th August, 1895 (the formal opening took place on Wednesday, the 30th August, 1876)—so that we may be again in thorough working order by the month of September.

In conclusion, I have only to say that, however much I regret that it has not fallen to my lot to re-organise the Library on an entirely new basis, in a building which would be a credit to the town, as well as of sufficient capacity to last for half a century, I shall nevertheless devote my fullest energies, under your guidance and control, in order to secure the best possible results from the extensive improvements now about to be commenced.

Thanking you for your unabated confidence and support in my endeavours to develop the resources of this popular Institution, the interest of which I have so much at heart,

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

April 23rd, 1895. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes. 1894.	1895.	Increase in 1895.	Decrease in 1895.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	892	933	41	..
B	Biography and Correspondence	1731	1777	46	..
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	3037	3076	39	..
D	Education, Political Economy, &c.	637	657	20	..
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1406	1443	37	..
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	1102	1118	16	..
G	Prose Fiction	5035	5203	168	..
H	Miscellaneous Works	983	989	6	..
I	Magazines and Reviews	2506	2588	82	..
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	4290	3750	—	540
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	9592	10269	677	..
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	6350	6897	547	..
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ..	238	260	22	..
	TOTALS	37,799	38,960	1,701	
		Net Increase, 1,161.			

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per seventeen published Reports ..		46,341
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,211	
St. John's Road Branch	58	
Summerland Place Branch	37	
		2,306
		48,647

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	36
„ deceased	4
„ withdrawn (no reason)	10
Want of time for reading	7
Guarantor withdrawn	1
Cancelled (unclaimed)	19
	77

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during twelve months ending March 31st, 1895.

Under 15 years			295
From 15 to 20 years			433
„ 20 to 25 „			327
„ 25 to 30 „			211
„ 30 to 40 „			226
„ 40 to 50 „			116
„ 50 to 60 „			78
„ 60 upwards			61
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	315		
„ Non-Burgesses	244		
			559
			2306

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total
Vintry Ward	13	111	124
St. Andrew's Ward	65	344	409
Frankfort Ward	46	272	318
Drake's Ward	51	213	264
Charles Ward	163	475	638
Sutton Ward	56	346	402
Non-Residents	..	56	56
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	12	46	58
„ Summerland Place	6	31	37
Totals ..	412	1894	2306

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1894-95.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	174
Actor	1
Agents and Managers	22
Apprentices	30
Architects	5
Artists	7
Assistants, Shop	45
Bakers and Confectioners	13
Bank Clerks	9
Basket and Brush Makers	4
Booksellers and Stationers	12
Bookbinders	4
Boot and Shoe Makers	7
Boat Owners	2
Brass and Wire Workers	5
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	2
Builders and Contractors	10
Butchers, &c.	9
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners	32
Carvers and Turners	2
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	14
Civil Service Officials	3
Clergy and Ministers	23
Coach Builders	2
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	7
Commercial Travellers	15
Coopers	2
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	14
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	10
Dealers	10
Dentists	5
Domestic Servants	28
Drapers	44
Draughtsmen	2
Dyer	1
Engineers and Engine Fitters	28
Engravers and Lithographers	8
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	39
Farmers	2
Foremen	11
Fruiterers	2
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	40
Grocers and Tea Dealers	33
Hair Dressers	11
Hawkers	2
Housekeepers	16
Innkeepers	8
Inspectors	8
Ironmongers	4
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	14
Labourers and Porters	39
Lath-renders	2
Lawyers, &c.	8
Library Assistants	7
Lighthouse Keepers	7
Lodging-house Keepers	8
Machinists	7
Mariners	14
Married Women (so specified)	49
Masons and Plasterers	16
Medical Men	3
Merchants and Manufacturers	11
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	31
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	7
Nurses	9
Officers, Army and Navy	35
Packers	4
Painters and Decorators	24
Pawnbrokers	6
Pensioners	17
Photographers	8
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	12
Police Officers	3
Post Office Employès	29
Printers and Compositors	26
Railway Officials	19
Rate Collectors	3
Saddlers	5
Salesmen	[illegible]
School Children and Students	349
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	96
Sculptors	3
Seedsmen	3
Shipwrights	8
Shopkeepers	10
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	12
Soldiers	11
Spinsters (so specified)	8
Surveyors	3
Tailors, Outfitters, &c.	29
Tobacconists	3
Upholsterers	3
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Waiters	3
Warehousemen	17
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	19
Wheelwrights	3
Widows (so specified)	6
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	499
Total	2306

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in all Departments, from April 1st, 1894, to March 31st, 1895, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	S—Schools.	T—Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1894.																	
April ..	25	87	146	396	173	217	54	4,825	94	567	1,203	4,632	260	12,360	214	25,228	1,009
May ...	25	94	173	382	214	196	53	4,787	90	484	1,242	4,777	295	12,290	336	25,413	1,017
June ...	24	80	175	293	116	158	62	3,944	59	504	1,141	5,394	233	12,360	279	24,798	1,034
July ...	17	43	102	197	10	113	27	2,377	50	208	805	3,165	102	9,270	161	16,630	978
August ...	26	87	145	366	19	124	72	4,426	84	445	1,224	4,260	118	12,360	168	23,898	919
September	25	83	184	418	30	163	59	4,802	86	440	1,345	4,461	170	15,450	221	27,912	1,116
October ...	27	66	190	402	44	226	74	4,859	102	517	1,326	4,986	119	12,360	196	25,467	943
November	26	74	187	382	61	216	94	5,637	99	639	1,475	5,223	121	12,360	260	26,828	1,031
December	24	136	148	352	23	165	69	4,298	86	513	1,151	5,900	141	9,270	277	22,529	939
1895.																	
January ...	16	73	117	272	33	120	51	3,317	59	375	891	4,354	69	6,180	221	16,132	1,008
February	24	125	225	440	33	213	85	5,273	89	598	1,274	5,429	110	12,360	214	26,468	1,102
March ...	26	125	230	481	63	227	58	6,387	89	791	1,487	5,785	73	15,450	250	31,296	1,203
Totals ...	285	1073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	142,070	2,597	292,599	1,026

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books), from April 1st, 1894, to March 31st, 1895, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1894.															
April ...	25	70	93	263	621	255	83	118	255	2,348	111	99	316	4,632	185
May ...	25	59	95	184	494	265	70	168	263	2,556	180	70	373	4,777	191
June ...	24	90	133	313	782	236	70	164	251	2,773	123	17	442	5,394	225
July ...	17	47	85	158	486	132	78	70	131	1,569	76	60	273	3,165	186
August ...	26	19	57	199	632	125	26	114	140	2,502	109	32	305	4,260	164
September	25	47	79	187	670	194	49	109	143	2,375	149	11	448	4,461	178
October ...	27	45	78	215	672	160	51	141	187	2,903	95	66	383	4,986	184
November	26	82	79	261	645	229	38	115	258	2,931	105	88	392	5,223	200
December	24	87	114	295	737	354	47	143	218	3,243	115	122	425	5,900	246
1895.															
January ...	21	59	72	138	515	139	13	92	175	2,698	73	81	299	4,354	207
February	24	38	112	201	675	266	69	129	147	3,227	41	161	363	5,429	226
March ...	26	46	104	202	796	234	77	154	117	3,383	56	92	524	5,785	223
Totals ...	290	689	1,101	2,616	7,725	2,589	671	1,517	2,285	32,508	1,233	899	4,533	58,366	201

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the eighteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	..	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	11,350	..	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	112,365	..	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	154,500	..	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	142,070	2,597	292,599	1,026
Totals.		20,971	58,679	144,037	11,745	57,517	34,934	1,216,398	36,062	187,855	588,631	550,483	64,106	420,285	2,597	3,394,300	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	T	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	*Included with Class J.*	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583		..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746		..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091		..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397		..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666		..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110		..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,200		..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655		..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743		..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958		..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275		..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895		.	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320		..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464		..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,802	8,630	6,003		110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,200	9,502	6,350		238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936†	10,063	6,897	2,814†	260	38,960	1,701
																less 540
																net incr. 1,161

* For Key to Classification see Tables VII. and VIII.

† In the previous report these two items were given in one total. About 1000 volumes have been withdrawn, and are not yet replaced.

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Voysey, Rev. C., Oxford

Waring & Co., Plymouth
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Pre-Aryan People of Ancient Cornwall Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma
Works of John Ford, with Notes, etc., by Gifford and Dyce. 3 vols.
New World's Tribute to Columbus .. Geo. B. Perry
Annie Linden; a Poem Frank Curzon
Selected Poems by Matthew Prior, with Introduction by Austin Dobson
Fables of John Gay, with Memoir by Austin Dobson
Poetical Works of J. Gay. 2 vols. .. Ed. by J. Underhill
Ballad of Beau Brocade Austin Dobson
Ezekiel, and other Poems .. B. M.
Elijah, and other Poems .. Do.
Autobiography of a Cornish Smuggler, with Intro. by J. B. Cornish
From Year to Year; Poems and Hymns Bishop Bickersteth
Hymnal Companion to the Book of Common Prayer .. Bishop Bickersteth
Proverbs in Porcelain Austin Dobson
Register of John de Grandisson, Bishop of Exeter. Part 1, 1327-1330 .. Rev. F. C. Hingeston Randolph
Cornwall and Cornishmen in the Great Civil War; a Lecture T. C. Peter
Domesday Studies; Somerset Survey. 2 vols. .. Rev. R. W. Eyton
Incised and Sepulchral Slabs of N. W. Somerset .. .. R. W. Paul
Somersetshire .. C. R. B. Barrett
Visitations of Cornwall, with Additions Lieut.-Col. J. L. Vivian
Sonnets .. .. Rev. C. Strong
Commercial Guide to Plymouth and District, with Historical Intro. by W. H. K. Wright
English Bible and its Versions .. Ven. Archdn. Woollcombe
Oration on the Death of S. T. Coleridge J. A. Heraud
Life and Writings of Josephus Iscanus Sir J. Bowring
Arena Cornubiæ .. J. W. Pycroft
Mother-Tongue from the French of the Pére Girard Ed. by Visct. Ebrington
Waterbiography .. R. C. Leslie
Led by Love .. .. M. A. Paull
Tale of Tresco, and other Poems .. D. P. Alford
Dartmoor for Devonshire W. F. Collier
Queen of Love .. S. Baring-Gould
Book of Fairy Tales Do.
Transactions of the Devonshire Association, July, 1894. Vol. 26.

Work.

I saw Three Ships, etc. .. "Q."
Ishmael Pengelly: an Outcast Jos. Hocking
In Memoriam of the late Rev. J. M. Charlton, of Plymouth
Mudge Memoirs Ed. by Stamford R. Flint
Gaverocks .. S. Baring-Gould
Alleyne, a Story of a Dream and a Failure E. T. Papillon
English Whist and English Whist Players W. P. Courtney
Les Amies de Pension; Petite Comedie Euphemie Loisel
Christine de Suède; ou, Deux Ans Aprés Petite Comedie Euphemie Loisel
William Cookworthy Theo. Compton
Golden Pomp; a Procession of English Lyrics .. A. T. Quiller-Couch
Eighteenth Century Vignettes. Second Series .. .. Austin Dobson
My Journal; by the Rector of St. Pancras, Exeter .. .. Rev. — Cole
Coombe Flowers .. Anne Irwin
Studies of Boats and Coast Scenery .. Sam. Prout
Panoramic View of Ilfracombe, coloured W. Willis
Journal of Marine Biological Association. Vol. 3, No. 3.
Dartmoor Pictorial Record, 4
Rectors and Patrons of Albington .. Rev. F. C. Hingeston-Randolph and Rev. J. I. Dredge
The Cathedral Archbishop Benson
Life of Jonathan Couch, F.L.S. .. Bertha Couch
Parish of Ashburton in the 15th and 16th Centuries
Easter Offerings; Poems Annie Trelawny
Mortality of Miners in the District of Lelant .. .. R. Q. Couch
Holy Bible, Cornwall Edition. Vol. 1.
In Memoriam, Julia Harriet Everett
West Country Songs, etc. ..
Ancient and Holy Wells of Cornwall .. M. and L. Quiller-Couch
Manuscript Book of Letters of Rev. Geo. Thomson
Three Brace of Lovers; a Comedy-Idyl Harold Vallings
Marriage of Solomon with the Daughter of Pharaoh .. .. A. Malet
Kitty Alone .. S. Baring-Gould
At Last; a Poem on the Eddystone Lighthouse .. C. Bridgman
Father's Curse; a Legend of Lydford .. J. Wonnacott
Times' "Changes"; Pilgrim's Poems and Hymns .. Anna M. Hoblyn
Liberty of Independent Historical Research .. Thos. Kerslake

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publishers and others.

D—*Daily*. W—*Weekly*. F—*Fortnightly*. M—*Monthly*. Q—*Quarterly*.

*Alliance News	W
*American Bookmaker	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Argosy (2 copies)	M
Army List	M
Art Journal	M
Athenæum	W
Atalanta	M
*Banner of Israel	W
*Batter Street Church Monthly	M
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
*British Trade Review	Q
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
*Cape Star	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
Chums	W
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church News	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Reformer	M
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W
*Civil Service Coach	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
Classical Review	M
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Contemporary Review	M
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devon Evening Express	D
Draper's Record	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
*Emigrant	Q
Engineer	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
*Evening School Chronicle	M
Ex Libris Journal	M
*Falmouth and Penryn Times	W
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
*Figaro	W
*Fireside News	W
*Footpath	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
*Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Freeman's Journal	D
*Freethinker	W
Fun	W
Gardeners' Magazine	W
Gentlewoman (2 copies)	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
*Hampshire Independent	W
*Hardwicke's Science Gossip	M
Harper's Magazine	M
*Home	M
Idler	M
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal	Q
*Insurance Agent	M
*Insurance Spectator	M
*Inventors' Review	M
*Journal of British Architects	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Judy	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour Gazette	M
*Labour Prophet	M
Ladies' Treasury	M
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberator	M
*Literary News	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's Magazine (2 copies)	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Machinery Market	M
Magazine of Art	M
*Medium and Daybreak (2 copies)	W
*Metropolitan	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
*Natural Food	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy List	M and Q
New Budget	W
*New Church Magazine	M
New Review	M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies)	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottinghamshire Guardian	W
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work (2 copies)	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plymouth Comet	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printers' Register	M
*Protestant Observer	M
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
Redruth Independent	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*Rural World	W
*St. Andrew's Par. Magazine (2 copies)	M
*St. Austell Weekly News	W
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Season	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
Sketch	W
*South Australian Chronicle	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Spinning Wheel	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
Star	D
*State Correspondent	M
*Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine	M
Strand Musical Magazine	M
*Students' Journal	M
Sunday at Home	M
Sunday Magazine	M
Technical World	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (weekly edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Truth	W
*Unity	M
*University Correspondent	W and M
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Western Antiquary	Q
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
Western Evening Herald	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W

Western Independent (2 copies)	BI-W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
*Western World	M
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Woman	W
Woman at Home	M
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
Young England	M
Young Man	M
Young Woman	M
Zoophilist	M

RAILWAY AND OTHER OFFICIAL TIME TABLES.

English Railways.

Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental Time Table

Irish Railways

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great-Western
Waterford and Central

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
New Zealand Shipping Co.
Shaw, Savill, and Albion Co.
Union Steamship Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other Works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

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SUPPLIED TO THE

UNION ST. READING ROOM.

D.—*Daily.* W.—*Weekly.* M.—*Monthly.* Q.—*Quarterly.*

British Weekly	W	People	W
British Workman	M	People's Weekly	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Plymouth Comet	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Punch	W
Chums	W	Quiver	M
Church in the West	W	Standard	D
Daily Chronicle	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily Graphic	D	Times (weekly edition)	W
Daily News	D	Weekly Sun	W
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Daily Mercury	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Evening Herald	D
English Mechanic	W	Western Figaro	W
Ex Libris Journal	M	Western Independent	BI-W
Good Health	W	Western Morning News	D
Good Words	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Graphic	W	Western Weekly News	W
Illustrated London News	W	Western Antiquary	Q
Invention	W	Westminster Budget	W
Leisure Hour	M	Do. Gazette	D
Naval and Military Record	W	Woman	W
		Woman at Home	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

CATTEDOWN ROAD READING ROOM.

D.—*Daily.* W.—*Weekly.* M.—*Monthly.*

British Workman	M	People's Weekly	W
Canadian Gazette	M	Plymouth Comet	W
Chambers's Journal	M	Public Opinion	W
Chums	W	Punch	W
Daily Chronicle (2nd day)	D	Redruth Independent	W
Daily Graphic	D	Review of Reviews	M
Daily News	D	Shipping Gazette	D
Daily Telegraph (2nd day)	D	Spinning Wheel	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Standard	D
Ex Libris Journal	M	Strand Magazine	M
Fun	W	Western Daily Mercury	D
Good Words	M	Western Daily Press (2nd day)	D
Graphic	W	Western Evening Herald	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Figaro	W
Labour Gazette	M	Western Independent	BI-W
Labour News	W	Western Morning News	D
Leisure Hour	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Naval and Military Record	W	Western Weekly News	W
Pall Mall Gazette	D	Westminster Gazette	D
Penny Illustrated Paper	W	Woman	W

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Nineteenth Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS

COMMITTEE:

(From April 1st, 1895, to March 31st, 1896)

INCLUDING

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN,
THE HON. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
LIST OF PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY,
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1895-96.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE event of the year has been the re-opening of the Library, after extensive alterations and renovation.

The public were necessarily excluded from the advantages of the Library for a considerable time, during the alterations, but the increased comfort and convenience of the buildings will more than compensate all who frequent the Library, whether for reading or borrowing. The reputation of the Architect (Mr. H. J. Snell) for ability to overcome difficulties and so to adapt his plans as to secure the best results, has been fully sustained, and the work of the Contractor has been sound and good.

At the re-opening of the building by the Mayor (Alderman J. T. Bond) all who inspected the building and attended the ceremony endorsed his Worship's remarks of commendation, and seemed satisfied that the problem which had perplexed the Committee for so many years has at length, for the present, been satisfactorily solved.

The arrangement with the Finance Committee of the Council has been carried out, and to them our hearty thanks are due for the assistance in this matter, without which the scheme so successfully completed would have been impracticable.

FREDERIC E. ANTHONY,
Deputy-Chairman.

May 7th, 1896.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER.

To the Members of the Borough of Plymouth County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

It is scarcely necessary to add anything to the remarks of the Deputy-Chairman and the full and detailed Report of the Borough Librarian; but in presenting my third Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March, 1896, I cannot refrain from drawing attention to a few matters having reference thereto.

It will be noticed that no reference is made in the Financial Statement to the payment of the Contractor on account of alterations. The explanation is simple, and that is, that by an arrangement with the Finance Committee of the Council, the Borough Treasurer is authorised to pay from time to time such sums as are certified by the Architect (Mr. H. J. Snell) and endorsed by the Library Committee, up to the full amount of the Loan granted by you (£1600). This has been done, and the sum of £1300 has been paid to Mr. Trevena; his contract amounting to £1462. Extra fittings and new work not provided for by the Architect will increase the outlay in that direction to the full amount of the Loan; and the Committee have then to meet an additional £500 expenditure for furniture, library fittings and appliances, Architect's fees, salary of Clerk of the Works, and other extras. A portion of this has been paid; the remainder they hope to clear off during the present financial year.

Amongst other improvements recently effected, they have followed suit with other Municipal Institutions and have supplied two attendants with an official uniform. The appointments of the establishment are as satisfactory as the building will permit of, and it is evident that the public thoroughly appreciate the efforts that have been recently put forward to give them better accommodation in this popular institution.

Still, I must express the opinion, which is increasingly felt by all who have to do with the working of this Library: first, *that the building is not and never can be adequate to the requirements of the Plymouth of to-day;* secondly, that the surroundings of the building are not conducive to study, being in the midst of a teeming and restless population; and thirdly, that the rapidly increasing town, and the needs of Greater Plymouth, point to the fact that further expansion is absolutely necessary *in the near future.*

Referring again to the accounts, I would point out that the incidental receipts, from Tickets, Fines, etc., are less than usual; this is explained by the fact that the Library was closed from May, 1895, to January, 1896, when all public work was suspended. In spite of the heavy demands made upon our funds, we have been enabled to

make a large addition to our library stock, which now numbers over 40,000 volumes, besides replacing many worn-out books and re-binding others.

The Committee have sanctioned the preparation of a series of Class Catalogues, and these will be proceeded with at once; by this means they hope to keep the borrowers and the public well informed as regards the accessions to the library. As each section is prepared, the Committee will appropriate a certain sum for additional books in the various classes, as may be required; thus making the library of still more practical value.

The Committee are glad to find that there is a growing demand in connection with the School Libraries, as during the past twelve months several additional applications have been received and granted. The Branch Evening Reading Rooms have also greatly increased in popularity.

In conclusion, I might refer with great satisfaction to the work of the Librarian, who has ever had the Library and its best interests at heart, and whose devotion to working the same since its foundation has undoubtedly resulted in the splendid success it has proven to be, as one of our most popular Municipal Institutions.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. R. BARRETT,

Hon. Treas.

May 5th, 1896.

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1895, to March 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
To Bankers and Cash Balances				486	9	6
,, Corporation (per Borough Treasurer)						
1st Instalment, July 1st, 1895 ..	£323	5	0			
2nd ,, Sept. 28th, 1895	323	5	0			
3rd ,, Dec. 27th, 1895	323	5	0			
4th ,, Mar. 26th, 1896	323	5	0	1293	0	0
,, Borrowers' Tickets and Subscriptions				11	7	1
,, Sale of Readers' Medals				0	12	6
,, Sale of Catalogues and Rules				1	3	7
,, Sale of Post Cards				0	16	2
,, Fines from Borrowers				16	18	1
,, Sale of Old Newspapers				1	9	7
,, Damaged and lost Books				0	2	6
				£1811	19	0

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Furniture, Fittings, and Renovation	212	12	5
,, Salaries, Wages, and Branch Charges	555	17	6
,, Clerk of Works, during Alterations	82	10	0
,, Printing and Stationery (General)	27	6	11
,, Printing Annual Report	6	10	0
,, New Books and Replacements	188	6	11
,, Magazines and Reviews	34	14	11
,, Binding and Repairs	77	12	7
,, Newspapers	137	0	2
,, Gas and Fuel	34	6	9
,, Gas Meters	15	11	8
,, Street Lamp	11	10	0
,, Uniform for Attendants	6	17	0
,, Insurance	7	10	0
,, Cataloguing and Assistance	12	15	0
,, Railway Charges, Porterage, etc.	16	6	9
,, Postages, Notices to Borrowers, Bank Cheques, etc.	8	7	6
,, Auditor's Fee	1	1	0
,, Cleaning and Sundries	13	17	10
,, Taxes, etc.	10	11	1
,, Interest on Loan	9	16	0
,, Bankers and Cash Balances	340	17	0
	£1811	10	0

Audited April 27th, 1896.

(Signed) GEO. R. BARRETT, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(Signed) S. J. BLEWETT, G. HICKS, *Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman) and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Nineteenth Consecutive Report of the working of this Institution, I venture to remind you that for nearly twenty years our Library has been ministering to the mental needs of the people of Plymouth.

Appended to this Report will be found a brief summary of the history of the Library, as read by me on the 20th January last, on the occasion of the ceremony of re-opening the building after extensive alterations; and I would express my great gratification at being enabled to record such steady progress in the work, which has met with such evident appreciation by the public.

The past year has been somewhat uneventful, if we except the carrying out of the alterations which have for a long time occupied our attention, and which are dealt with more fully elsewhere.

The usual tabulated returns are given, but they offer little subject for comment, excepting in respect to the diminished totals consequent on the closing of the Library for so lengthened a period.

Since the re-opening of the Library in January last the issues have gone up by leaps and bounds, the public making exceptional demands upon our resources, and it has been somewhat difficult at times to cope with the crowds of borrowers who have presented themselves at the issuing desks.

Reference to Tables VII. and VIII. will confirm the foregoing statement. In the month of January, 1896, the Library was open ten days, during which the daily average was 761; in February (a full month) nearly 30,000 volumes were issued in all departments, the daily average being 1,175, while in the month of March our total reached 34,067, or a daily average of 1,310, the largest yet recorded. It will be observed that while the Central Library was closed from the end of May, 1895, to the middle of January, 1896, the school libraries and evening branches were kept in full work, and this materially increased the monthly totals during our period of inaction at head-quarters, many of our borrowers going to the branches for their books, and others taking advantage of the books loaned to their children at the schools.

More than two thousand tickets have been issued since the 21st January, all borrowers being required to renew their tickets. Many new borrowers have joined the Library, and the number is steadily increasing. Never before was the Library so popular or so much used; and the experience of the last few months has proved most conclusively the wisdom of the Committee in recommending, and the Council in sanctioning, the expenditure of a large sum of money upon structural alterations and more improved internal arrangements; although regret must still be felt that the larger scheme of providing a new building in a better locality did not receive the sanction of the authorities.

Speaking from a very close scrutiny of the applications for tickets since the re-opening, I can say that the Library is used by a much larger number of persons of all classes. The same remark applies to the various Reading Rooms, which are well patronised during the day, and at night are frequently inconveniently crowded. The new Magazine Room, with which is combined the Ladies' Reading Room (in the large hall), is very popular, and our lady visitors evidently appreciate the arrangements made for them, as they attend in larger numbers than ever, and make good use of the periodicals specially provided for them. The magazine rack holds about sixty periodicals, and these are greatly in demand; the majority of the readers obey the injunction attached to each reading case, to replace the magazine in the rack.

The transfer of the Newspaper Room to the basement has been attended with gratifying results. The recent improvements in the

gas service in this room and in the entrance hall and lobby are most satisfactory, and the large lamp over the entrance adds quite a feature to the street.

The Lending Library is most commodious, and the facilities provided both for the public and for the staff are much appreciated. The re-arrangement of the indicator and the additional lists placed around greatly help the borrowers, but the want of a Catalogue of the Lending Library is increasingly felt. This want will shortly be met by the series of Class Lists which you have approved, and which are now in course of preparation for the printer. Class C (History, Voyages, and Travels) will be proceeded with immediately, and we shall follow with Class E (Art, Science, and Natural History). In the meanwhile other Classes will be prepared. These lists will be brought up to date, and supplements issued periodically, and as they will be sold at the lowest possible price, they ought to command a ready sale, as they will certainly be a great boon to our borrowers.

The Police Library has been considerably augmented; and two hundred volumes have been granted to the St. Peter's National School on the same terms as those issued to the other schools in the town. We have, therefore, about 4,000 volumes in constant circulation throughout the town, independent of the large number being issued daily from the Central Library. An application is now before you for an additional grant of books to the Oxford Street Board School, and an application has also been made by Mr. C. S. Jago for a supply of books suitable for the pupil teachers of the Public School in Cobourg Street.

The Evening Branches are becoming more popular, the attendance on many occasions exceeding one hundred nightly (from 6-30 to 10 o'clock).

I am sorry to say that we still suffer, occasionally, from the mutilation of newspapers and periodicals; the public frequenting the rooms might render great assistance to the staff in detecting the offenders.

In my last Report I gave a sketch of the improvements then about to be commenced, which have since been completed. The work was commenced early in May, but it took much longer than was anticipated, for it was not until the end of December that the contractor withdrew the last of his men, and after that the internal fittings had to be completed, other work of a preparatory character

executed, and the books replaced in proper order on the shelves. The whole of the work has been carried out in a substantial manner by the contractor, Mr. W. Trevena, under the architect, Mr. H. J. Snell, and the clerk of the works, Mr. Roskelly. The Corporation workmen have also put the roof and lead gutters in thorough repair. The remodelling of the Indicator and other internal fittings was carried out by Mr. R. Stanlake under my personal supervision, and I am pleased to say that the various departments are now in good working order.

During the alterations the books were thoroughly overhauled, missing and defective volumes replaced, a large number rebound, and many which were worn out were condemned, their places being taken by more useful and popular volumes.

The Library now contains more than 40,000 volumes, the additions during the past year exceeding 1,200, of which two-thirds have been placed in the Reference Library. On referring to Table X. you will find a detailed statement of the growth of the Library since the opening in August, 1876, by which it will be seen that we have added 32,000 volumes to the Library since the completion of our first year's work (1876-77).

As I have before observed, the re-opening of the Library took place on the 20th January, 1896, the Mayor, Alderman J. T. Bond, as Chairman of the Committee, presiding. He was supported by the Deputy-Chairman (Rev. F. E. Anthony), Mr. George R. Barrett (Hon. Treasurer), and every member of the Library Committee, besides a large number of the members of the Council and Corporate officers. The attendance of the public was also gratifying. Interesting speeches were made by the Mayor, Professor Anthony, Mr. G. R. Barrett, Alderman John Shelly, the Rev. Samuel Vincent, and Mr. W. N. Elliott, and at the request of the Committee I read the following brief *resumé* of the history of the Library, with a description of the building as lately re-arranged :—

The Library Committee have requested me to prepare a brief statement showing the origin and progress of this Municipal Institution, which enters to-day upon a new and enlarged phase of its existence and usefulness.

We are now, as an Institution, within a very short period of attaining our majority, and at such a time as the present, and under such pleasant circumstances, it is both appropriate and desirable that we should take a retrospect of the chief events which have led up to the proceedings of to-day.

My statement will be as brief and concise as circumstances will permit, for I do not wish to weary you with a long array of facts and figures; neither do I desire to trench upon the time of those gentlemen who have promised to speak upon general matters appertaining to this subject. Further, the Committee desire to curtail these proceedings as much as possible, in order that those at present in this hall, and others who may have been unable to obtain admission, may have the opportunity of inspecting the various improvements which have been effected during the seven or eight months that the Library has been closed to our readers and borrowers.

To begin my story I must carry your minds back a quarter of a century, for it was in October, 1871, that our revered friend, Mr. R. C. Serpell, then occupying the civic chair, took the initiatory steps which resulted in the establishment of this Library. Mr. Serpell, therefore, whose portrait adorns the staircase outside this room, will ever be regarded as the founder of this Institution, and he was, up to the time of his death, its most ardent supporter.

A meeting was called in this hall, on the date just mentioned, to consider the advisableness of establishing a Free Library for Plymouth. The principal speech on that occasion was made by the late Mr. Alfred Rooker, who was also a consistent advocate of these "Universities for the People." Other speakers were the late Mr. Francis Hicks, Mr. J. N. Bennett, Mr. W. F. Collier, the Rev. Charles Wilson, and the late Mr. Samuel Elliott.

The success of this conference emboldened the promoters to call a ratepayers' meeting, which was held on the 3rd November, 1871, when it was formally resolved that the "Public Libraries and Museums Act" of 1855 should be adopted for the Municipal Borough of Plymouth. A subscription list was opened and about £1,100 was promised towards the project.

Some delay took place in carrying this decision into effect, owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable building for the Library. The completion and inauguration of the new Guildhall in 1874, however, solved this question, and the Council sanctioned the use of a portion of this, the old Guildhall, for the purposes of the Library.

Early in 1876 a Committee was appointed by the Council, with full powers to act, and they immediately set to work to furnish and equip the new Institution. It is interesting to note, in passing, the names of this first Committee, as only two of its members are now identified with the working of the Library, and several have gone to join the great majority. Alderman John Shelly and the Rev. F. E. Anthony are still with us, and they assisted materially in setting the infant on its legs. The Mayor (the late Mr. W. F. Moore) was *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee, and the list included the late Mr. R. C. Serpell, Alderman E. R. Brown, Mr. Isaac Latimer, Mr. W. H. Luke, Mr. W. J. Trythall, Mr. W. C. James, Mr. A.

Hubbard, Mr. C. F. Tanner, Mr. R. Reynolds Fox, and Mr. W. H. Alger.

My appointment as Librarian dates from the 17th February, 1876, and to me was entrusted the furnishing and stocking of the Library in its various departments. Mr. James Hine was appointed architect, and the work of fitting up was entrusted to Mr. Stanlake, who has recently re-modelled and re-fitted most of the furniture then supplied.

The formal opening took place on the 30th August, 1876, the ceremony being performed in this hall. A town's meeting was subsequently held in the Guildhall, when interesting speeches were delivered by the Earl of Morley, Mr. Serpell, Mr. J. N. Bennett, Mr. E. R. Brown, the Rev. Benwell Bird, and the Rev. W. Whittley.

The first issue of books took place early in September, when 367 volumes were distributed. This was thought a large number at the time, but when I tell you that we have since frequently recorded over 1,500 volumes for one day's working, you will be able to judge of the rapid progress and increasing popularity of the Library. In my last published Report (up to the end of March, 1895) I was able to show a total of 3,394,300 volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library, more than half a million of which were books consulted in the Reference Library. Our daily average increased from 347 in 1876-77 to 1,026 in 1894-95, and our largest yearly total (1893-94) was over 300,000. I could readily multiply figures, but these are, I trust, sufficient to show that the Institution has ministered to the wants of the public in a remarkable degree.

Our work was for some years carried on in two apartments, the hall in which we are now assembled doing duty as Lending and Reference Library, and the old Council Chamber, which now forms part of the Issuing Department, being the News Room. The space becoming inadequate, the Committee applied for, and obtained possession of, rooms on the upper floor; and these, after considerable alteration, were converted into a Reference Library. This was opened in August, 1879, by Mr. Edward James, Mayor.

Our next extension was made in November, 1884, and this consisted of an addition to the building itself, by which the News Room and the Reference Library were more than doubled in size. This was effected at an outlay of £500, of which £342 was raised by subscription, the balance being paid out of the income of the Library.

In 1885 the Library Association of the United Kingdom held their Annual Meeting in this town, and its members were well pleased with all they saw and heard.

In 1888 a scheme, which I had long projected, of supplying small circulating libraries to the Board Schools, was approved by the Library Committee and the School Board, and these libraries have proved an incalculable boon to thousands of the younger generation of Plymouthians. Some 4,000

volumes are now in circulation in about twenty different schools, and the number is increasing every year. The scheme has been well received by my brother librarians, and has been eulogised by the Press. It is, therefore, some gratification to know that Plymouth has taken the lead in this matter.

For some years I had urged the Library Committee to establish Branch Evening Reading Rooms, but there were difficulties in the way. These difficulties were happily surmounted, and in February, 1892, a Branch Reading Room, with a small Lending Library attached, was opened at the East End of the town, in the Cattedown Road Board School, granted by the School Board for that purpose. Another was opened in October, 1893, at the other end of the town, in the Union Street Board School, Summerland Place; and both these Branches are now well patronised. I trust before long that similar Branches will be opened in other districts, and that if it be decided to use Beaumont House as a Museum, or in any other way, that one or two rooms will be set apart as Reading Rooms. It is early yet to speak of what will be done for Greater Plymouth, when the question of amalgamation is settled, but the Corporation will doubtless provide further extensions in our News Room system as a part of their scheme. Now a word or two as to our News Rooms. Under the old arrangement it was no uncommon thing to count 120 or 140 persons in this room at one time, and on more than one occasion I have taken a census of our visitors, with the result that some 10,000 per week, or more than half a million per annum, were recorded. Under our present arrangements that number is, I believe, considerably increased.

It is only left for me to speak of the alterations now happily completed and their general effect. The general principles of this scheme of alterations were decided some years ago, and plans were prepared showing how the old building might best be adapted for a more extended work, and brought more into line with the new Library Buildings which are now springing up in all parts of the Kingdom. In our Library Reports for the last eight or ten years it has again and again been suggested that a more commodious building in a more central position should be provided for Library purposes in this great and growing town. At one time it was confidently hoped that the Council would grant a piece of land adjoining the new Technical Schools for this purpose, and plans were prepared accordingly. Much to the regret of the Library Committee, this scheme was not approved by the Council, and an alternative plan for the re-modelling of this building was proposed and adopted.

At the request of the Committee in May, 1894, I prepared a report, embracing all the necessary alterations, and suggesting various improvements. This being approved by the Committee, Mr. H. J. Snell was consulted and commissioned to prepare plans to be laid before the Committee. Action, however, was deferred in order that the Committee might again test the feelings of the Council as to the larger scheme, as it was thought

unwise to spend so large a sum as £1,600 on this old building, which was considered quite inadequate to the requirements of the town.

The decision of the Council was again adverse, and the Committee then applied for, and obtained, the authority of the Council to alter this building in accordance with the plans of the Architect; a temporary loan being granted to meet the estimated outlay.

In February, 1895, Mr. Snell submitted his working plans and specifications; and in April the tender of Mr. W. Trevena was accepted and approved by the Council. The work was commenced at the latter end of May, and has gone on steadily up to the close of the year. It was confidently hoped that the Library would again be in working order by the end of September, but owing to unforeseen difficulties, chiefly the state of the wood work throughout the building, the alterations occupied twice the time that was originally contemplated.

All has been now happily completed without any accident, I am glad to say, and with the smallest possible inconvenience to the public, as the General Reading and News Room has been kept open almost continuously during the time that the alterations have been going forward.

The Architect has certainly succeeded in transforming the interior of this old building into a really presentable library, which reflects credit on all concerned; and the Contractor has carried out his share of the work in a most efficient manner. I must also add a word of praise to the Clerk of the Works (Mr. J. Roskelly), who was most invaluable to me in superintending all the details of re-construction.

The internal fittings have all been re-modelled and adapted under my personal supervision by Mr. R. Stanlake, and they will, I believe, be found to fulfil all their requirements. I think I may say, without egotism, that the Library and its appointments will bear favourable comparison with many newer and more up-to-date establishments of a like character. I have sketched but briefly the events which have led to the ceremonial of to-day, having regard to your time and convenience, but our daily papers have, from time to time, published descriptive reports, so that the public generally have been kept posted up in the various details.

A few words only are needed to describe the building as now arranged. The new entrance at the west end of the building is a decided improvement, and, with the spacious entrance hall, is quite a feature of the Institution. The fact that the General News Room is on the ground floor is also a marked improvement on the old order of things. The Issuing Department in the old newspaper room affords much better accommodation for the public than previously existed, while the convenience to the staff and arrangements for books is everything that could be desired. In this hall the monthly and quarterly periodicals will be placed, a portion being reserved for lady readers, for whom special copies of daily and weekly papers will be provided. The addition of light iron galleries to this room relieves us of

the use of ladders, and provides us storage room for some ten thousand volumes additional. The Reference Library, on the upper floor, is also materially improved by the removal of a low ceiling and the placing of an additional light in the roof. Other improvements I need not particularize, but will ask our visitors to inspect them for themselves, and, as time goes on, to use the various departments of the Library more freely than of old. We have now in this building nearly 40,000 volumes, exclusive of the Patents, which are arranged in the basement. Of this number about 12,000 are in the Reference Library, about 8,000 in the Devon and Cornwall Collection, the remainder being in the Lending Department, the School Libraries, and the Branches. Such is a brief summary of our stock, which is open to all persons rated for, resident in, or employed in the Municipal Borough of Plymouth. This is, I venture to say, a very satisfactory result of our twenty years' work, and is a good evidence of the liberality of the Council and Committee in voting funds for administering the Library.

I have, in the foregoing, endeavoured to give a concise review of the whole history of the Library, but owing to the necessity for brevity I have been compelled to pass over many matters of interest.

In conclusion, I will only express the hope that my fellow-townsmen will now take a greater pride in this, one of the most popular Municipal Institutions in the town; that they will use it freely and fully; and that those who have the power will occasionally add a few books to our shelves. We have received many notable gifts, one of the latest of which is a handsome volume relating to the De Trafford family, presented by Lord de Trafford, at whose expense it has been printed. I mention this because the work has been produced by a Plymouth printer (Mr. Luke), and I think I may safely say, as one knowing something about local books, that it is the finest work that has ever emanated from the Plymouth press. As only twenty-five copies have been printed, our Library is rich in possessing so unique a volume. I commend this to the notice of others, and trust that we may, ere long, have many valuable gifts to record.

One other hint, and I have done. In an adjoining room I have placed on the walls a few portraits of local worthies, and in other rooms, and on the staircases, many old and rare local prints. Gifts of this kind would be most acceptable, for I aim to make our local collection large, comprehensive, and valuable. In this direction judicious gifts will also be welcomed.

Permit me, Mr. Mayor, and Ladies and Gentlemen, to thank you for the attention you have given me, and to ask you at the close of these proceedings to take a survey of our re-modelled Library.

It was my privilege in September last to attend the Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Cardiff, and to join in the deliberations. I also had the pleasure of inspecting the new

rooms lately added to the Cardiff Free Public Library, at the cost of £16,000. Few institutions in the provinces possess such extensive accommodation, and the appointments are excellent. The members of the L.A.U.K. were well entertained by the Mayor and Local Authorities, as well as by the Marquis of Bute and Lord Windsor, and have every reason to be gratified with the success of the meeting. The Library Association of the United Kingdom has recently been Incorporated by Royal Charter, and now takes its proper place amongst the learned societies of the Kingdom.

An impetus is now being given to the Library Movement in the West of England, by the establishment of Free Libraries at Bodmin, Liskeard, Hayle, St. Ives, and by the opening of the recently-erected buildings at Truro and Falmouth. For this, the neighbouring County of Cornwall is indebted to Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

Thanking you for your continued confidence,

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Borough Librarian.

April 25th, 1896.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1895.	1896	Increase in 1896.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	933	947	14
B	Biography and Correspondence	1777	1802	25
C	History, Voyages, and Travel	3076	3118	42
D	Education, Political Economy, &c.	657	662	5
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1443	1471	28
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	1118	1144	26
G	Prose Fiction	5203	5377	174
H	Miscellaneous Works	989	990	1
I	Magazines and Reviews	2588	2680	92
J) S)	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	3750	3912	162
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	10269	10411	142
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	6897	7156	459
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ..	260	291	31
	TOTALS	38960	40161	1201

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per eighteen published Reports ..	48,647
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,494
Total	51,141

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned

Borrowers left the town	10
,, deceased	6
,, withdrawn (no reason)	4
Want of time for reading	1
Guarantor withdrawn	0
Cancelled (unclaimed)	32
	51

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during twelve months ending March 31st, 1896.

Under 15 years		297
From 15 to 20 years		500
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...		340
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...		205
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...		206
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...		118
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...		70
,, 60 upwards		60
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	438	
,, Non-Burgesses ..	260	
		698
		2494

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.	Total.
Vintry Ward	24	104	128
St. Andrew's Ward	65	349	414
Frankfort Ward	64	287	351
Drake's Ward	65	222	287
Charles Ward	138	556	694
Sutton Ward	132	407	539
Non-Residents	..	54	54
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	..	10	10
,, Summerland Place	..	17	17
Totals ..	488	2006	2494

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1895-6.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	190
Agents and Managers	36
Apprentices	40
Architects	4
Artists	6
Assistants, Shop	54
Bakers and Confectioners	15
Bank Clerks	18
Billiard Markers	2
Booksellers and Stationers	10
Boot and Shoe Makers	9
Brass and Wire Workers	6
Brewers	2
Bricklayers	3
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	4
Builders and Contractors	14
Butchers, &c.	8
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	42
Caretakers	4
Carvers and Turners	2
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	20
Civil Service Officials	8
Clergy and Ministers	20
Coachbuilders	3
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	4
Commercial Travellers	30
Coopers	2
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	11
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	9
Dealers	8
Dentists	7
Domestic Servants	31
Drapers	48
Draughtsmen	4
Dyers	2
Editors	2
Engineers and Engine Fitters	36
Engravers and Lithographers	4
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	42
Foremen	7
Fruiterers	2
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	45
Grocers and Tea Dealers	38
Gun Fitters	3
Hair Dressers	10
Housekeepers	22
Innkeepers	6
Inspectors	10
Ironmongers	7
Journalists, Reporters, &c	15
Labourers and Porters	30
Lawyers, &c.	9
Librarians	2
Library Assistants	8
Lighthouse Keepers	7
Literary	2
Lodging-house Keepers	8
Machinists	10
Mariners	15
Married Women (so specified)	51
Masons and Plasterers	20
Medical Men	5
Merchants and Manufacturers	23
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	28
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	8
Nurses	6
Officers, Army and Navy	20
Packers	4
Painters and Decorators	22
Pawnbrokers	6
Pensioners	20
Photographers	13
Phrenologist	1
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	15
Police Officers	4
Post Office Employés	30
Printers and Compositors	45
Railway Officials	22
Rate Collectors	3
Refractionist	1
Salesmen	9
School Children and Students	218
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	120
Sculptors	4
Seedsmen	6
Shipwrights	10
Shopkeepers	14
Smiths, Stokers, etc.	16
Soldiers	12
Spinsters (so specified)	8
Surveyors	4
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	38
Tobacconists	5
Typist	1
Upholsterers	4
Warehousemen	18
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	16
Wheelwrights	2
Widows (so specified)	8
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	616
Total	2494

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in all Departments, from April 1st, 1895, to March 31st, 1896, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	K—Works of Reference.	L—Local Works.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average
1895.																
April ...	24	129	198	425	46	190	49	5,323	94	735	1,598	4,910	92	9,164	22,953	955
May ...	27	107	127	325	31	203	59	5,208	96	645	1,318	5,164	94	12,105	25,482	943
June ...														3,128	3,128	130
July ...														12,168	12,168	450
August ...														12,231	12,231	470
September			*Library*		*closed*		*for*	*Alterations.*						12,209	12,209	490
October ...														12,218	12,218	452
November														12,311	12,311	473
December														9,150	9,150	381
1896.																
January ...	10	30	40	87	16	77	25	1,699	33	216	561	1,429	92	3,310	7,615	761
February	25	84	284	736	53	343	166	6,146	107	677	1,854	4,790	509	13,650	29,390	1,175
March ...	26	117	309	767	43	362	179	7,169	104	684	1,893	4,931	448	17,061	34,067	1,310
Totals ..	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	128,705	192,931	1,722

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1895, to March 31st, 1896, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1895.															
April ...	24	24	88	271	633	197	67	115	139	2,811	17	39	509	4,910	204
May ...	27	47	102	314	715	165	59	130	210	2,856	32	33	501	5,164	190
June ...															
July ...															
August ...															
September				*Library*		*closed*		*for*		*Alterations.*					
October ...															
November															
December															
1896.															
January ...	10	9	20	115	239	56	25	26	12	741	17	3	166	1,429	143
February	25	43	88	364	690	324	57	97	75	2,270	66	39	677	4,790	191
March ...	26	29	81	298	629	192	81	140	88	2,557	105	186	545	4,931	189
Totals ...	112	152	379	1,362	2,906	934	289	508	524	11,235	237	300	2,398	21,224	189

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the nineteen published Reports.

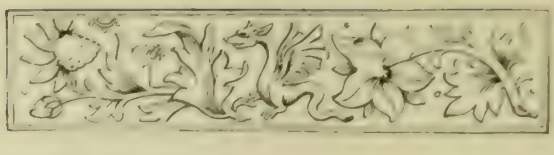
Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,605	6,706	3,853	..	123,406	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,851	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,103	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,039	29,012	4,180	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	251,739	716
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,005	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,880	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,009	12,077	49,151	393	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,097	15,065	52,414	847	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,057	7,224	21,224	1,235	128,705	192,931	1,722
Totals.		21,438	59,637	146,377	11,934	58,092	35,412	1,241,943	36,496	190,812	595,855	571,707	95,341	551,587	3,587,231	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	3,236	40,161	1,201

* For Key to Classification see Tables VII. and VIII.



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Keys, J. H.. Plymouth

Latimer, Isaac, Plymouth
London University Correspondence Coll.

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Whitechapel
Widnes
Wigan
Willesden
Wimbledon
Wolverhampton
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

Marine Biological Association, Plymouth
Mason, Ernest, London
Meux, Lady, Chippenham
Meysey-Thompson, Sir H. M.

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Oxford University Press, Delegates of

Paton, James, Glasgow
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Voysey, Rev. Charles, London

Waterfield, Dr., Stonehouse
Waterfield, Mr., Plymouth
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Williamson, J.
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Wise, W. Lloyd, London
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Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth

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London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire
Midland
North-Eastern
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IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

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History of Reynard the Fox F. S. Ellis
Modern Mechanism .. Park Benjamin
Book of the Dead .. E. A. W. Budge
Palmer's Index to the *Times*, 1895. 4 parts
Drawing and Engraving P. J. Hamerton
Annual Register for 1894, N.S.
Progresses and Public Processions of Queen Elizabeth. 2 vols. J. Nicholls
History of the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster. 2 vols. E. W. Bayley
Royal Academy Pictures, 1895
A Guide to British and American Novels Percy Russell
Gentleman's Magazine Library, Ed. by G. L. Gomme: English Topography, Parts 6-7, Ed. by F. A. Milne
Familiæ Menorum Gentium. Vol 3. (Harl. Soc. Publications, Vol. 39) J. Hunter
Dictionary of National Biography. Vol. 44: Paston—Percy
Book of Common Prayer. 2 vols. .. Right Rev. R. Mant
Lectures on Botany. 3 vols. .. late William Curtis
Flora Historica, 2 vols. Henry Phillips
The Press. 12 vols.
Handbook to the Birds of Great Britain R. Bowdler
Historical MSS. Commission, 14th Report. Parts 5, 7, 8.
Handbook to the Game Birds .. W. R. Ogilvie-Grant
Collection of Voyages and Travels, arranged by Robert Kerr. 18 vols.
Practical Advertising by Practical Men
Charter Bye-Laws, etc., of the Institution of Civil Engineers
Proceedings of the Gibbon Commemoration, 1794-1894
Quarterly Journal of Education. 10 vols.
Corporation Plate and Insignia of Office. 2 vols. .. .. Jewitt & Hope

Work.

Handbook to the Butterflies .. W. F. Kirby, F.L.S., ENT. S.
Handbook to the Carnivora .. R. Lydekker, B.A.
Handbook to the British Mammalia .. R. Lydekker, B.A.
Dictionary of National Biography. Vol. 45 .. .. Ed. by S. Lee
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society. Vol. 9.
"Castle Line" Atlas of South Africa
Debrett's Peerage and Titles of Courtesy
Debrett's Baronetage, Knightage, and Companionage
Bookbindings, Old and New .. Brander Matthews
Civil Service Year Book, 1896
National Biography. Vol. 46 .. Ed. by S. Lee
Directory of Second-hand Booksellers
Collectanea Genealogica. Vols. 1, 2 .. Joseph Foster
Dictionary of Architecture. 8 vols.
Archæologia Cantiana. 12 vols.
Palmer's Index to the *Times* Newspaper. Part 1, 1896.
The Colony of Natal .. J. F. Ingram
Life of James Bruce. A. Murray, F.A.S.E.
Analytical Principles of the Expansive Steam Engine. .. P. R. Hodge, C.E.
The Engineer and Machinist's Assistant. 2 vols. .. P. R. Hodge, C.E.
The Works of William Shakespeare. 10 vols. .. Ed. by Rev. Alex. Dyce
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Dictionary of Phrase and Fable .. E. C. Brewer, LL.D.
Longman's Gazetteer of the World .. Ed. by G. G. Chisholm, M.A.
Naval Annual, 1896. Ed. by T. A. Brassey
Illustrated Guide to the Royal Navy and Foreign Navies .. F. T. M. Gibbs
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Journal of Marine Biological Association. Vol. 3, No. 4; Vol. 4, No. 1
A Life Laid Bare .. Frances Latimer
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Beauty of the British Alps M. L. Grimston
Letters from the East
History of the Granville Family .. Roger Granville, M.A.
French Prisoner Thomas Pinkerton

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African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*American Bookmaker	M
Animal Guardian	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Architect	W
Army List	M
Art Journal	M
Artist	M
Athenæum	W
Atalanta	M
Autocar	W
Badminton	M
*Banner of Israel	W
*Batter Street Church Monthly	M
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
Belfast Weekly News	W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Bimetallist	M
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boy's Own Paper	W and M
*British Trade Review	Q
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News	W
Building World	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
*Cape Star	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
Chums	W
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church News	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Reformer	M
*Church Times	W
Church Weekly	W
Church Woman	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W
*Civil Service Coach	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
Classical Review	M
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Colonial Circulars	M
Colonist	M
Contemporary Review	M
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	W
Cornish Post	M
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Courier	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Press	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
Devon County Standard	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devon Evening Express	D
Draper's Record	W
Drapery World	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
Education (2 copies)	W
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
*Emigrant	Q
Engineer	W
English Churchman (2 copies)	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
*Figaro	W
*Fireside News	W
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
*Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Freeman's Journal	D
Freeman's Weekly	W
*Freethinker	W
Fun	W

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Globe	D
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
*Hampshire Independent	W
Happy Home	W
*Hardwicke's Science Gossip	M
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home	W
Herald of the Golden Age	M
Idler	M
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal	Q
Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Inventors' Review	M
Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	M
Judy	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour Gazette	M
*Labour Prophet	M
Ladies' Treasury	M
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
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*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's Magazine (2 copies)	M
Ludgate	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
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Magazine of Art	M
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Morning Leader	D
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*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
*Natural Food	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
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Navy List	M and Q
Navy List (Lean's)	Q
New Budget	W
*New Church Magazine	M
New Review	M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies)	W
Newquay Visitor's Notes and Directory	
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
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Notes and Queries	W
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work (2 copies)	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
Peace and Goodwill	Q
Pearson's Magazine	M
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plymouth Comet	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printer's Register	M
*Protestant Observer	M
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Par. Magazine (2 copies)	M
*St. Austell Weekly News	W
St. Ives Weekly Summary	W
St. James' Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Season	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
Sketch	W
*South Australian Chronicle	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Speler	M
Spinning Wheel	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
Star	D
*State Correspondent	M
*Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine	M
Strand Musical Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M

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Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (weekly edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
To-Day	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
Union Line Gazette	
*Unity	M
*University Correspondent	W and M
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Weekly Dispatch	W
Western Antiquary	Q
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
Western Evening Herald (2 copies)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (2 copies)	BI-W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
*Western World	M
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Wheeling	W
Windsor Magazine	M
Woman	W
Woman at Home	M
Woman's Life	W
Woman's Signal	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
Young England	M
Young Man	M
Young Woman	M
Zoophilist	M

RAILWAY AND OTHER OFFICIAL TIME TABLES.

English Railways.

Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great-Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

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Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
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South Western Railway Local Time Tables

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British Workman	M
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Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Chums	W
Church in the West	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Ex Libris Journal	M
Good Health	W
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
Illustrated London News	W
Invention	W
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
People	W
People's Weekly	W
Plymouth Comet	W
Punch	W
Quiver	M
Standard	D
Sunday at Home	M
Times (weekly edition)	W
Weekly Sun	W
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	W
Western Independent	BI-W
Western Morning News	D
Western Weekly Mercury	W
Western Weekly News	W
Western Antiquary	Q
Westminster Budget	W
Do. Gazette	D
Woman	W
Woman at Home	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

CATTEDOWN ROAD READING ROOM.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

British Workman	M
Canadian Gazette	M
Cassell's Family Magazine	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
Chums	W
Daily Chronicle (2nd day)	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph (2nd day)	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M
Ex Libris Journal	M
Fun	W
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
Hearth and Home	W
Illustrated London News	W
Labour Gazette	M
Labour News	W
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Penny Illustrated Paper	W
People's Weekly	W
Plymouth Comet	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch	W
Redruth Independent	W
Review of Reviews	M
Shipping Gazette	D
Spinning Wheel	W
Standard	D
Strand Magazine	M
Sunday at Home	M
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Daily Press (2nd day)	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	W
Western Independent	BI-W
Western Morning News	D
Western Weekly Mercury	W
Western Weekly News	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Woman	W

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Twentieth Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS COMMITTEE:

(From April 1st, 1896, to March 31st, 1897)

INCLUDING

THE HON. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND STATISTICAL TABLES,
LIST OF PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES,
NAMES OF DONORS, &c., &c.

Presented to the Council, May 10th, 1897.

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Library Committee,

1896-97.

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Library Staff.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R.HIST.SOC.
Vice-President Library Association.

Assistant Librarian: W. J. BENNETTS.

Assistant, Reference Library: R. WELLINGTON.

Junior Assistants: W. J. HAWKE, T. BURROW, W. CANN.

Caretakers: ISAAC GOULD, E. BURLEY.

News-Rooms Attendant: F. DURHAM.

Evening Attendant: A. S. JOSLIN.

Cattedown Road Branch: H. LEE.

Union Street Branch: T. POTTER.

Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Compton Branch: ANDREW DUGDALE.

Report of the Deputy-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer.

To the Members of the Borough of Plymouth County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

From the accompanying Report and Statistical Tables compiled by the Borough Librarian, you will gather that the Institution is becoming more and more popular, year by year, and that the people of the town and neighbourhood use it more freely than ever before.

The provision of Evening Reading Rooms in some of the recently-added districts (Laira and Compton) is also considered to be a step in the right direction, and will tend greatly to knit together in one compact body the various scattered sections of our great and rapidly-growing municipality.

Another important work to which the Committee have turned their attention is the provision of new Class Catalogues, as recommended by the Librarian. Three of these have been issued, and others are in preparation. The internal machinery for working the Lending Department has also been remodelled, to bring it more in line with similar institutions throughout the country.

Books for the Blind are now supplied, and are much appreciated by those for whom they are intended.

It is also satisfactory to note, by reference to the Librarian's Report, that the School Library system is extending in popularity and usefulness.

Better provision has also been made for the storage of the Patents Specifications, of which we have now a very large collection under our charge.

A few remarks only are needed on financial matters. The past year has been more than ordinarily expensive, as we have had to pay off the first instalment of the Loan (£200), besides £33 3s. for Interest, and £26 5s. for Rent. As this is a somewhat heavy charge upon our revenue, I would suggest that the annual payment of £200 might be made inclusive of Interest.

There is one item in the list of payments which will not occur again, viz., Income Tax, the Library Association having during the past year made a successful appeal against the payment of Income

Tax before the Committee of the House of Lords. We have instructed our Librarian to apply for the refunding of the two or three years' previously paid.

There is still a heavy charge for Furniture, Fittings, etc., as we have had to pay off the balance of expenses incurred in connection with the alterations, and have also been compelled to incur other liabilities of a like character. Nevertheless, we have been able to expend upon our Library, News Rooms, and Branches nearly £450, besides providing an adequate staff and assisting in every possible way to develop the resources at our disposal.

The Receipts are much as usual, but we have been compelled to absorb our Balance of the previous year, and find ourselves at the close of the financial year with a small balance against us at the Bank. To meet this and the current working expenses, we would ask the Council to vote an early instalment of the Library Rate and to be as liberal as possible in fixing the amount of our Annual Grant, as we have now to cater for a much larger area and a largely-increasing constituency.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GEO. R. BARRETT,

Deputy-Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

May 5th, 1897.

County Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1896, to March 31st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward		340	17	0
,, Corporation (per Borough Treasurer)—				
1st Instalment, July 14th, 1896	£333 5 0			
2nd ,, Oct. 5th, 1896	350 15 0			
3rd ,, Dec. 28th, 1896	342 0 0			
4th ,, Mar. 29th, 1897	342 0 0			
		1368	0	0
,, Fines received from Borrowers		40	13	2
,, Borrowers' Tickets		12	0	7
,, Sale of Catalogues		3	10	6
,, Subscriptions (Non-Residents)		2	5	0
,, Sale of Post Cards for Bespoke Books		1	17	11
,, Sale of Rules and Regulations		1	7	8
,, Sale of Old Newspapers, etc.		1	8	4
,, Sale of Readers' Medals		0	10	0
,, Damaged and Lost Books replaced by Borrowers ..		0	14	0
,, Balance due to Bank		5	10	7
		£1778	14	9

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By First Instalment of Loan to Corporation ..	200	0	0
,, Three Quarters' Rent to Corporation	26	5	0
,, Interest on Loan to Corporation	33	3	0
,, Income Tax for 1896	6	18	10
,, Auditors' Fees	3	3	0
,, Furniture, Fittings, and Repairs	208	1	8
,, Salaries, Wages, and Branch Charges	621	9	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	37	18	8
,, Printing Annual Report	6	5	0
,, Purchase of New Books and Replacements ..	206	12	5
,, Binding and Repairs	63	3	2
,, Magazines and Reviews	31	19	5
,, Newspapers	133	13	3
,, Gas and Fuel	63	11	3
,, Insurance	8	0	0
,, Catalogues and Assistance	84	4	0
,, Railway Charges, Porterage, etc.	18	7	8
,, Postages, Notices to Borrowers, etc.	10	7	10
,, Cleaning and Sundries	14	14	10
,, Bank Cheques	0	16	0
	£1778	14	9

Audited April 29th, 1897.

(Signed) GEO. R. BARRETT, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(Signed) S. J. BLEWETT, G. HICKS } *Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The Twentieth Annual Report of this Library differs but little from its predecessors, inasmuch as it is a record of steady progress and of continued success and increasing popularity.

In consequence of the lengthened period during which the work of the Library was stopped while the alterations were in progress, it was deemed advisable to dispense with the usual summer closing last year; the books therefore remained in constant circulation for an uninterrupted period of nearly twelve months.

Finding that the system for issuing and registering books, known amongst librarians as the "charging system," was somewhat out of date, and that delay and disappointment were occasionally experienced by borrowers seeking for and obtaining books, I turned my attention to the matter, and elaborated a scheme for an entire re-organisation of our working arrangements, which I hoped would to a large extent, if not entirely, modify these disadvantages. This you were pleased to approve in November last, and I accordingly made preparations to bring is into operation. To do this involved a large amount of labour, as the whole of the books in the Lending Library (above 20,000) had to be re-catalogued on the card system; the Indicator had to be remodelled; new tickets issued to all borrowers; and the staff instructed in the details of the scheme. This was accomplished without the slightest inconvenience to our borrowers, the Library being closed only for a few days in the month of January last—

about a fortnight longer than the usual time for checking and cleaning.

I am happy to report that the new system has, up to the present, answered all expectations; mistakes are of rare occurrence, borrowers are more satisfied than formerly, and it is most unusual for any person to apply for a book which is already in circulation; and although our turn-over is larger, the labour devolving upon the staff is no greater than under the old system. The following is a brief description of the new "charging" system:—By the old plan we entered the book to the borrower, having a series of cards arranged in numerical order, one for every borrower; by the new system we charge the borrower to the book. Every book in the Library is represented by a card with class, number, title, and author, and, in most cases, shelf location, entered thereon. These cards are arranged in a tray placed conveniently on the counter, the cards being of diversified colours, each colour representing a class; the attendants being thus enabled to identify the class of the book by the colour of the card.

Borrowers are supplied with a small folding ticket, just wide enough to be inserted in the Indicator rack; attached to this ticket is a ruled sheet upon which the number of the book taken by the borrower is entered at the time of issue, the date being also appended. On receiving an application for a book, the borrower is furnished with a printed form of "book order," in which he enters the title and number of the book required, having first satisfied himself by consultation of the Indicator that the said book is IN. On presenting this form with his ticket at the issuing desk, the book is procured, and an entry made on the date-label attached to every book, the attendant next going to the card catalogue, and withdrawing the card representing the book issued from its place, recording thereon the number of the borrower and the date of issue. The borrower's ticket is retained and placed immediately in the Indicator rack in the space opposite the title of the book, where it remains until the book is returned, when the ticket is removed from the Indicator and returned to the borrower, the charging card being returned to its place in the card catalogue ready for the next borrower.

Each day's issues are counted up on the following morning from the cards, which are laid out in the order of classes, the distinctive

colours greatly facilitating this and every other operation; they are then placed in another tray under the date of issue, remaining in that position until the books are returned at the end of the stipulated time, as explained above.

Overdue books are readily detected, as the cards must remain under the date of issue until the allotted time has expired, and the chief assistant examines them periodically, advising borrowers in all cases where books have been retained more than the time allowed by the rules.

By this plan we ensure greater accuracy, the book is marked in the Indicator immediately it is issued, and cleared directly it is returned; borrowers must produce either a book or their ticket, and disputes as to fines on overdue books can be settled in a moment by reference to the date-label in the book. These are some of the advantages gained, but there are many more; and I feel confident that the first year's working under the new system will prove advantageous all round.

Another innovation during the past year has been the provision of books for the Blind; and this is highly appreciated by the comparatively small number of persons who must, unhappily, be classed in this category. We have added by purchase and loan over one hundred volumes in the Braille and Moon types, and amongst the works so placed in circulation are some by the most popular authors. We also take some of the periodicals issued by the various organisations for the Blind.

Our School Libraries are extending their usefulness, several additional schools having been supplied with books since I last reported to you on this matter, the Laira Board School and the Compton National School having been recently added to the previously lengthy list; and the Higher Grade School in Regent Street, recently opened by the School Board, is now being furnished with books suitable to the class of students attending that School. I understand that arrangements have been made by the School Board for opening a reading room at this School during certain hours of the day, and this will doubtless become very popular amongst the pupil teachers and children attending the Schools. During the past few months the books at the various schools have been exchanged at the request of the head teachers.

The following is a list of the School Libraries and Branches supplied by us from the Central Library :—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,, ...	Girls .. .	100
,, ,, ...	Mixed . .	120
Compton National	Mixed	200
King Street	Boys	200
Laira	Boys	100
,, ...	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,, ...	Girls	120
North Road	Girls . ..	300
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street ..	.. .. ..	500
Regent Street..	Higher Grade ..	500
St. Peter's	Boys	125
,, ...	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street .. .	Girls	100
Cattedown Road Branch Evening Reading Room ..		280
Union Street ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Laira ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Compton ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Police Library	.. .. ..	150
Workhouse Library	.. .. ..	200
		5,395

N.B.—Books are also issued, by special arrangement, to the men employed at the Breakwater and Eddystone Lighthouses.

Speaking of branches naturally leads to the mention of the opening of two more Evening Reading Rooms in Greater Plymouth. Immediately on the completion of the scheme of amalgamation, you approved of suggestions for extending the advantages of the Library to the newly-added districts. This was brought officially before you on the 22nd September, 1896, and on the 9th February, 1897, you received a deputation from Laira and Compton districts. Laira was the first to participate in these privileges, a room being placed at our disposal by the School Board. This was formally opened by the Mayor on March 19th, 1897, and has been up to the present highly successful. A second was opened, also by the Mayor, on the 27th of April last, a room having been placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Rev. G. B. Berry and the trustees of the Compton National School in that village. Of the former I can speak confidently that it is meeting a great want, more than one hundred borrowers having already enrolled themselves, and the

attendance at the Reading Room every evening being most gratifying. The Reading Room at Compton is now in working order, and I anticipate like results there in the near future. These rooms will be open every evening from 6-30 to 9-30.

In the appendix to this report will be given a list of the newspapers and periodicals supplied to each of our four branches; and I may add that a small stock of books is also supplied to each branch, borrowers also having the privilege of bespeaking books from the Central Library which are not already placed at the branches.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that we send some of our Technical papers to the Borough Technical Schools when done with at the Central Reading Room, and that many of our surplus periodicals are distributed amongst the cabmen's rests and the tramway men.

As regards the work at the Central Library, I may draw your attention to the various Tables appended to this Report. They call for no special comment, except to show a large increase in the work in all departments. The total issues in the Lending Department amounted to 260,057 (Table VII.), and books consulted in the Reference Library, 65,304 (Table VIII.), giving a total of 325,361; and the aggregate issues since the opening of the Library have been nearly four millions (Table IX.).

In order to test the popularity of our News-Rooms and General Reading Rooms, I recently had a count taken of the persons entering the institution during two ordinary days. On the first occasion (Tuesday) the number of persons entering the building from 9 a.m. to 9-30 p.m. was 1692; and on the second occasion (Saturday) 1758 persons entered the News-Room alone, while more than a thousand persons took books from the Lending Library, and the other departments were well patronised. I estimate, therefore, that nearly 3,000 persons entered the building on that day. It may therefore be fairly assumed that there is an average daily attendance in the News and Magazine Rooms of fifteen hundred persons, or little short of half a million visits during the year. From the figures before me, I gather that the largest number in an hour was between one and two o'clock, when over two hundred entered, and that the average during the remaining hours was about one hundred and fifty.

The number of new borrowers enrolled during the year was 2,675, but to this number must be added 500 renewals, issued to

persons whose tickets had not expired when the new arrangements came into force in January last.

By reference to Table V. you will see that our borrowers are fairly distributed throughout the fourteen Wards into which the town is now divided, and that the newly-added districts send a large contingent of readers to the Library. This is highly satisfactory. It is curious to note in Table VI. how large a number of persons are enrolled who have no occupation, or who decline to specify it.

Considerable additions have been made to the Library stock during the year, as will be seen by reference to Tables I. and X., the Library now containing 42,000 volumes, nearly 2,000 having been added during the last twelve months. Of these 18,000 are placed in the Reference Department (which includes the local collection), and 24,000 in the Lending Library and Branches. Many important works have been added to classes B, C, E, F, the Committee approving the principle of filling up these classes in preparation for the various sectional catalogues now being published. At the same time we have endeavoured to keep other sections up to date.

During the past twelve months I have prepared and passed through the press three Class Catalogues, as follows:—Class C (History, Voyages, and Travels), issued in September, 1896. It consists of over one hundred pages in double column, and contains nearly seven thousand references. It is arranged on the index system, each work being entered under its author, title, and general subject. No. 2 Class Catalogue, Class E (Arts, Science, and Natural History), issued in November, 1896, consists of 63 pages, containing about five thousand references to technical and other scientific works. No. 3 Class Catalogue, Class G (Prose Fiction), was published in March, 1897. It contains 80 pages and has eight thousand references to over four thousand distinct works. The latter catalogue is divided into two portions, one giving the works under authors, the other under titles. It is needless to say that the publication of these catalogues has been a great boon to our borrowers, and has encouraged them to systematise their reading. I may add that all the latest additions to the Library are now placed on or near the counter, where they may be inspected by our borrowers. This works well, and many books are asked for which would be overlooked if not

brought so prominently before the notice of the persons using the Library. Borrowers may also bespeak books by means of the Post Card advice system.

Finding that the old Fire Station was not likely to be again used for that purpose, I obtained permission to utilise it for storing the Patents publications, which had been in a sad state of disorder since the alterations, in consequence of insufficient room in the basement for their accommodation. This space has now been shelved, and the Patents are being rearranged chronologically. We shall thus have sufficient storage room for this large mass of printed matter, as well as some spare space for bound volumes of magazines which are not much in demand. I have appended an extra table to this Report (Table XI.), showing the extent of this collection of Patents' Specifications, which ought to be of great service to the locality, as it is the only complete set of the publications of the Patent Office west of Bristol, and is of great value to inventors and designers.

In September last I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Buxton, from which I derived much pleasure and profit, the proceedings being of an eminently practical character. The Duke and Duchess of Rutland attended our meeting and took part in our deliberations; they also entertained the Conference at Haddon Hall. A visit was also made to Chatsworth by permission of the Duke of Devonshire. The present year being the anniversary of the founding of our Society (1877), it has been arranged to hold an International Conference in July, and it has been announced that some three hundred representatives of American and foreign libraries will join us in London. Elaborate preparations are being made by the executive and the organising committee. Sir John Lubbock has accepted the office of President, and there is little doubt that the meeting will be a highly successful one from many points of view. As a Vice-President of the Library Association, as well as a Vice-President of the International Congress of Librarians, I anticipate having a busy time during the ensuing month of July, and I trust I may be able to induce some of our American visitors to travel westward to this "The Mother Plymouth sitting by the Sea."

As one of the many useful works undertaken by the Library Association, or in conjunction with it, I may mention the recent

appeal against the payment of income-tax by Public Libraries and kindred institutions. The lead was taken by the City of Manchester, who were supported by twenty-three library authorities, our own amongst the number. The case was heard before a special Committee of the House of Lords, on 31st July, 1896, and I am happy to say that the decision was given in favour of the libraries, which by that decision are now exempt from the payment of taxes. The Consolidation of the Laws relating to Public Libraries is another very important matter which has been successfully carried through Parliament at the instance of the Library Association, and other similar works are in progress.

At the suggestion of the Mayor, there has recently been added to the Library a copy of "The History of the Plimoth Plantation," written by William Bradford, one of the founders of, and second Governor of that colony. This is better known as the "Log of the *Mayflower*." The manuscript of which this is a fac-simile has until recently belonged to the Fulham Palace Library, but it has just been presented to the United States of America by its former custodians; and it is but fitting that a copy should be placed in the Library of the town from which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed in 1620 to found a new Plymouth in the New World.

No change of any particular importance has taken place in the Library staff, but sundry additions have necessarily been made to cope with the extra work entailed by the expansion of our department. This has of course materially increased the annual expenditure, but even with the present large staff we find it difficult at times to serve the public as expeditiously as could be desired.

Thanking you for a continuance of the kind favours which I have received at the hands of the members of successive Library Committees for twenty-two years,

I have the honour to remain,
Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,
Borough Librarian.

May 1st, 1897.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1896.	1897.	Increase in 1897.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy..	947	959	12
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	1802	1945	143
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	3118	3205	87
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ..	662	670	8
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History..	1471	1567	96
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	1144	1226	82
G	Prose Fiction ..	5377	5671	294
H	Miscellaneous Works ..	990	992	2
I	Magazines and Reviews ..	2680	2737	57
R	Books for the Blind ..		138	138
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries ..	3912	4166	254
K	Reference Works, (Reference Library)	10411	10701	290
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	7356	7789	433
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ..	291	310	19
	TOTALS ..	40161	42076	1915

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per nineteen published Reports ..	51,141
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,675
Renewals in January, 1897	500
Total	54,316

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	61
,, deceased	5
,, withdrawn (no reason)	25
Want of time for reading	10
Guarantor withdrawn	1
Cancelled (unclaimed)	20
	122

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1897.

Under 15 years		276
From 15 to 20 years		524
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...		386
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...		238
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...		221
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...		130
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...		84
,, 60 upwards		62
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	442	
,, Non-Burgesses	312	
		754
		2,675

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	3	75	78
St. Andrew's Ward	37	282	319
Hoe Ward	17	110	127
Millbay Ward	8	47	55
St. Peter's Ward	7	67	74
Frankfort Ward	40	208	248
Drake's Ward	46	223	269
Charles Ward	75	374	449
Greenbank Ward	32	102	134
Mutley Ward	56	146	202
Compton Ward	26	73	99
Laira Ward	52	142	194
Friary Ward	20	96	116
Sutton Ward	34	191	225
Non-Residents	..	18	18
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	1	7	8
,, Summerland Place	2	8	10
,, Laira	10	40	50
	466	2,209	2,675

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1896-7.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	195
Actors	2
Agents and Managers	34
Analysts	1
Apprentices	29
Architects	8
Artists	11
Assistants, Shop	60
Bakers and Confectioners	12
Bank Clerks	20
Basket and Brush Makers	7
Billiard Markers	1
Boat Owners	4
Booksellers and Stationers	7
Boot and Shoe Makers	6
Box Makers	2
Brass and Wire Workers	4
Brewers	1
Bricklayers	4
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	3
Builders and Contractors	9
Butchers, &c.	6
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners	38
Caretakers	1
Carvers and Turners	6
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	19
Civil Service Officials	3
Clergy and Ministers	22
Coachbuilders	2
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	6
Commercial Travellers	28
Coopers	1
Cordwainers	1
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	9
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	15
Dealers	5
Dentists	3
Domestic Servants	21
Drapers	49
Draughtsmen	4
Dyers	1
Engineers and Engine Fitters	38
Engravers and Lithographers	6
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	60
Foremen	11
Fruiterers	3
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	54
Grocers and Tea Dealers	26
Gun Fitters	1
Hair Dressers	16
Housekeepers	22
Innkeepers	4
Inspectors	9
Ironmongers	8
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	11
Labourers and Porters	28
Lawyers, &c.	5
Librarians	1
Library Assistants	6
Lighthouse Keepers	5
Literary	1
Lodging-house Keepers	3
Machinists	16
Mariners	4
Married Women (so specified)	45
Masons and Plasterers	12
Medical Men	6
Merchants and Manufacturers	29
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	30
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	11
Nurses	22
Officers, Army and Navy	34
Packers	6
Painters and Decorators	24
Pawnbrokers	2
Pensioners	18
Photographers	6
Phrenologists	1
Pianoforte Makers	1
Plumbers and Gas Fitters	21
Police Officers	2
Post Office Employés	16
Printers and Compositors	33
Railway Officials	12
Rate Collectors	3
Riggers	2
Saddlers	2
Salesmen	8
School Children and Students	229
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	128
Sculptors	2
Seedsmen	1
Shipwrights	7
Shopkeepers	19
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	10
Soldiers	9
Spinsters (so specified)	19
Superintendents	3
Surveyors	5
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	39
Tobacconists	4
Typists	1
Upholsterers	2
Warehousemen	14
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	20
Wheelwrights	2
Widows (so specified)	10
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	805
Total	2,67

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Lending Department, from April 1st, 1896, to March 31st, 1897, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1896.																
April ...	24	96	316	695	49	268	162	6,659	91	669	1,804	452		11,920	23,181	966
May ...	25	87	275	663	45	270	189	6,883	101	671	1,686	422		14,926	26,218	1,048
June ...	26	69	278	593	32	248	121	6,772	102	568	1,588	364		11,942	22,677	872
July ...	27	69	294	549	56	289	141	6,967	101	641	1,496	447		3,082	14,132	523
August ...	25	84	344	670	81	331	131	6,645	140	820	1,332	603		15,097	26,278	1,051
September	26	89	277	625	47	381	134	7,422	108	661	1,298	453		12,071	23,566	906
October ...	27	108	352	851	61	379	176	7,749	104	844	1,544	434		12,104	24,706	915
November	25	97	294	856	54	493	201	7,507	112	859	1,303	402	39	13,297	25,514	1,020
December	25	103	292	677	31	454	163	6,080	77	818	1,285	453	92	10,032	20,557	822
1897.																
January ...	3	8	25	64	7	46	16	621	5	46	89	15	10	3,400	4,352	1,451
February	24	78	224	558	27	379	111	5,380	56	435	1,756	143	75	13,358	22,580	940
March ...	27	102	308	726	51	484	120	7,347	93	530	1,964	278	86	14,207	26,296	973
Totals ..	284	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	4,466	302	135,436	260,057	915

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1896, to March 31st, 1897, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1896.															
April ...	24	38	101	283	702	156	108	132	115	2,582	94	147	641	5,099	212
May ...	25	59	111	271	692	186	143	153	123	2,614	104	107	558	5,121	204
June ...	26	41	151	181	725	177	169	103	94	2,691	80	109	400	4,921	189
July ...	27	31	157	201	711	134	219	133	65	2,723	101	123	506	5,104	189
August ...	25	56	116	254	578	211	112	238	89	2,666	108	207	744	5,379	215
September	26	33	109	266	555	194	59	158	130	2,760	84	79	552	4,979	191
October ...	27	83	139	317	701	240	119	192	152	3,423	118	290	641	6,415	237
November	25	82	97	238	797	239	141	138	82	2,687	105	227	678	5,511	220
December	25	96	145	272	924	231	125	166	91	2,770	132	198	629	5,779	231
1897.															
January ...	21	61	108	237	796	196	116	159	72	2,458	97	257	590	5,147	245
February	24	104	149	322	798	246	97	104	126	2,824	115	278	500	5,663	235
March ...	27	125	181	265	880	299	122	49	142	3,163	141	288	531	6,186	229
Totals ...	302	809	1,564	3,107	8,859	2,509	1,530	1,725	1,281	33,361	1,279	2,310	6,970	65,304	216

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in Departments comprised in the nineteen published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	..	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,851	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,201	..	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,804	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,850	40,806	3,598	..	..	160,823	56
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,079	3,392	..	..	147,001	51
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	251,739	71
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	303	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
Totals.		22,428	62,916	153,904	12,475	62,714	37,077	1,317,975	37,586	198,374	613,000	637,011	69,807	302	687,023	3,912,592	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356		3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	138	3,496	42,076	1,915

* For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

PATENTS DEPARTMENT.

Particulars of Stock in trust for the Commissioners of Patents, and for the use of the public, up to the end of 1896.

Under the Old Law.		Separate Specifications.
Specifications of Patents, with Drawings, etc., from 1617 to 1852 ...		14,358
Under the New Law.		
Specifications of Patents for	1852	1,200
	1853	3,000
	1854	2,800
	1855	2,958
	1856	3,100
	1857	3,200
	1858	3,007
	1859	3,000
	1860	3,196
	1861	3,276
	1862	3,490
	1863	3,309
	1864	3,260
	1865	3,386
	1866	3,389
	1867	3,700
	1868	3,991
	1869	3,700
	1870	3,405
	1871	3,529
	1872	3,900
	1873	4,300
	1874	4,500
	1875	4,600
		81,206

The above are in separate pamphlets as published, and are arranged in convenient bundles in chronological order.

Specifications for	1876*	5,100
	1877*	4,949
	1878*	5,343
	1879*	5,338
	1880*	5,517
	1881*	5,751
	1882*	6,241
	1883*	5,993
	1884*	17,110
* In 611 Volumes.	1885*	16,109
	1886	16,934
	1887	17,950
	1888	19,069
	1889	20,992
	1890	21,300
	1891	22,805
	1892	24,166
	1893	25,100
	1894	25,370
	1895	25,050
	1896	30,163
Brought over ...	...	81,206
		407,556

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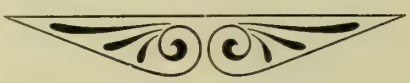

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African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*American Bookmaker	M
Animal Guardian	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Anglo-Californian	M
Architect	W
Army List	M
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*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
Belfast Weekly News	W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Bimetallist	M
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Blackpool Times	W
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News	W
Building World	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
Chapman's Magazine	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
Chums	W
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church News	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W
*Civil Service Coach	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
Classical Review	M
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Colonial Circulars	M
Colonist	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	W
Cornish Post	M
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Press	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
Devon County Standard	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Drapers' Record	W
Drapery World	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
Education (2 copies)	W
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
*Emigrant	Q
*Emmanuel Parish Magazine	M
Engineer	W
English Churchman (2 copies)	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Family Circle	W
Family Friend	M
Figaro	W
Fireside News	W
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Freeman's Journal	D
Freeman's Weekly	W
Fun	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentleman's Magazine	M

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Gentlewoman (2 copies)	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Glamorgan Free Press	W
Globe	D
Good Words (2 copies)	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
Happy Home	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home	W
Herald of the Golden Age	M
Idler	M
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
Inquirer	W
Invention	W
*Inventors' Review	M
*Insurance Agent	M
Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	M
Judy	W
Justice	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
*Labour Prophet	M
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberator	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's Magazine (2 copies	M
Ludgate	M
Machinery Market	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
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Mariner	M
*Metropolitan	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
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*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
*Natural Food	M
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*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
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New Review	M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies)	W
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*Our Work (2 copies)	M
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Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
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Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
Princess	W
*Printers' Register	M
*Protestant Observer	M
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Punch (2 copies)	W
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Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
Railway Review	W
Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Par. Magazine (2 copies)	M
St. Ives Weekly Summary	W
St. James' Gazette	D
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*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
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Spectator	W
Speler	M
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*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
Star	D
*State Correspondent	M
*Stationery World	M
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Strand Magazine	M

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*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
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Sunday Magazine	M
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (weekly edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
To-Day	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Trade and Industry	M
Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
Union Line Gazette	
*Unity	M
*University Correspondent	W and M
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Weekly Dispatch	W
Weekly Sun	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
Western Evening Herald (2 copies)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (2 copies)	BI-W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
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Windsor Magazine	M
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Great North of Scotland
North British

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British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

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Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Chums	W
Church in the West	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
Education	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
Illustrated London News	W
Invention	W
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
People	W
Punch	W
Quiver	M
Standard	D
Sunday at Home	M
Times (weekly edition)	W
Tool and Machinery Register	M
Weekly Sun	W
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	W
Western Independent	BI-W
Western Morning News	D
Western Weekly Mercury	W
Western Weekly News	W
Westminster Budget	W
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Woman	W
Woman at Home	M
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Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
Chums	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M
Fun	W
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
Hearth and Home	W
Illustrated London News	W
Labour News	W
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch	W
Review of Reviews	M
Shipping Gazette	D
Standard	D
Strand Magazine	M
Sunday at Home	M
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	W
Western Independent	BI-W
Western Morning News	D
Western Weekly Mercury	W
Western Weekly News	W
Woman	W
Woman's Signal	W

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Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Quiver	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Review of Reviews	M
Chums	W	Standard	D
Church in the West	W	Strand Magazine	M
Daily Graphic	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily News	D	Times (weekly edition)	W
Daily Telegraph	D	Weekly Sun	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Daily Mercury	D
Fun	W	Western Evening Herald	D
Good Words	M	Western Figaro	W
Graphic	W	Western Independent	BI-W
Hearth and Home	W	Western Morning News	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Lady	W	Western Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M	Westminster Budget	W
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British Weekly	W	Quiver	M
British Workman	M	Review of Reviews	M
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Scribner's	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Standard	D
Chambers's Journal	M	Sunday at Home	M
Chums	W	Times (weekly edition)	W
Church in the West	W	Western Daily Mercury	D
Daily Chronicle	D	Western Evening Herald	D
Daily Graphic	D	Western Figaro	W
Daily Mail	D	Western Independent	BI-W
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Morning News	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Good Words	M	Western Weekly News	W
Graphic	W	Westminster Budget	W
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Magazine and Ladies' Room, 10 a.m. to 9-30 p.m. every week-day.

Reference Library, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week-day (Wednesdays during Summer, close at 2 p.m.).

Lending Library, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Patents Library, same as Reference Library.

EVENING BRANCHES—Open 6-30 to 9-30 p.m.

Cattedown Road Board School, St. John's Road.
Attendance Officer: HENRY LEE.

Oxford Street Board School, King Gardens.
Attendance Officer: THOMAS POTTER.

Laira Board School.
Attendance Officer: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Compton National School, Lower Compton.
Attendance Officer: J. A. DUGDALE.

Mount Street Board School, Armada Street,
Attendance Officer: C. J. FOWLER.

Police Headquarters, Catherine Street. *Police only.*

Small Lending Libraries are also attached to all the Board Schools; also to the Public School, Cobourg Street, St. Peter's National School, and Compton National School.

Report of the Deputy-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer.

To the Members of the Borough of Plymouth County Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Appended you will find the usual Report and Statistical Tables of the Borough Librarian, which testify to the increasing use made of the Library, in all its Departments, by the people of Plymouth. From the evidences before you, and a visit to the Library itself, you will be enabled to endorse the statement we have the pleasure to make, that the Free Public Library is one of the most popular Institutions in the town.

During the past year your Committee have responded to several applications made by residents in distant parts of the town, and have opened additional branches. The establishment and maintenance of these branches, useful though they undoubtedly are, entails a heavy tax upon our limited resources, and it is doubtful if they can be further extended for some time to come. As the Librarian points out, we have now five of these branches, all in full work and all highly popular.

Our Librarian has, during the year, started a little periodical called the *Library Monthly*, the purpose of which is to keep the Library and its doings well before the people and to explain its operations. This entails no cost to the Committee.

At the commencement of the present winter your Committee were compelled to take into serious consideration the condition of our heating apparatus, which had become worn out and obsolete. They obtained tenders for a new Keith's boiler and an improved service, by which the whole of the building was to be heated. Mr. Best's tender for £121 was accepted, and the work has been carried out most satisfactorily. This expenditure will, however, be a heavy charge upon the current year's income.

Amongst other incidental matters referred to by the Librarian is that of the visit of a large number of American Librarians to this town, which took place in July last. They were thoroughly satisfied with all that was done for them, and formed a very high opinion of our town and its institutions.

In our last Report occurred the following words:—"The past year has been more than ordinarily expensive, as we have had to pay off the first instalment of the Loan (£200), besides £33 3s. for

Interest, and £26 5s. for Rent. As this is a somewhat heavy charge upon our revenue, I would suggest that the annual payment of £200 might be made inclusive of Interest." This concession was not granted at the time, consequently the difficulty still remains. This and other extraordinary charges, including the cost of new branches and a portion of the charges for alterations and furniture, will explain the slight increase in our expenditure during the period covered by this report.

The Committee were hopeful that the Council would have entirely relieved them of the payment of an amount claimed on account of extras charged for necessary structural restoration to the building. This sum has now been added to the previous loan, and its repayment will still be a charge upon the income of the Library.

Under these circumstances, and taking into consideration the largely-increased demands made upon them, your Committee trust that the Council will put the most liberal construction upon the provisions of the Acts, and, by granting them the full proceeds of the Penny Rate, enable them to carry on the work of the institution in the best possible manner; they are anxious not to curtail in any way the expenditure on new books and current periodicals, as these matters, added to a generous provision for departmental work, will materially affect the popularity and progress of the institution.

The Committee thoroughly endorse the Librarian's remarks as to the growing necessity for more intelligence on the part of the Library Staff. This point is urged in the interests of the members of the present staff, and not in any way as depreciating their services, which, for the most part, are highly satisfactory. We regret that it is not in our power, as a Committee, to assist the young men in our employ by supplementing their education in the manner hinted at by our Librarian. We believe, however, that he will do his best to advise and assist members of his staff who are anxious to improve their positions, and in so doing to increase their usefulness in their present appointments.

On behalf of the Library Committee,

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GEO. R. BARRETT,

Deputy-Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

May 5th, 1898.

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, from April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Corporation (per Borough Treasurer)—				
1st Instalment, June 28, 1897 ..	£398 5 0			
2nd ,, Oct. 31, 1897 ..	398 5 0	1593	0	0
3rd ,, Dec. 31, 1897 ..	398 5 0			
4th ,, Mar. 28, 1898 ..	398 5 0			
To Fines received from Borrowers		42	16	8
,, Borrowers' Tickets		11	10	2
,, Sale of Catalogues		10	15	0
,, Subscriptions (non-residents)		2	10	0
,, Sale of Postcards for Bespoke Books		2	8	5
,, Sale of Rules and Regulations		0	13	4
,, Sale of Old Newspapers, etc.		2	0	8
,, Sale of Readers' Medals		0	13	4
,, Damaged and Lost Books replaced by Borrowers ..		0	13	0
,, Balance due to Bank		291	13	0
		£1958	13	7

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Bank last Report	5	10	7
By Second Instalment of Corporation Loan ..	200	0	0
,, Rent paid to Corporation	35	0	0
,, Interest on Corporation Loan	48	12	2
,, Taxes and Auditors' Fees	2	14	4
,, Furniture, Fittings, and Repairs	189	0	11
,, Librarian's Salary	230	0	0
,, Wages and Attendance, including Branches ..	501	16	0
,, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	74	0	9
,, Printing Annual Report	7	1	6
,, Purchase of New Books and Replacements ..	201	0	1
,, Binding and Repairs of Books	76	0	1
,, Magazines and Reviews	37	3	2
,, Newspapers	182	15	4
,, Gas and Fuel	62	17	3
,, Insurance	8	0	0
,, Catalogues and Assistance	41	3	9
,, Railway Charges, Porterage, etc.	12	4	11
,, Postages, Notices to Borrowers, etc.	11	15	4
,, Cleaning and Sundries	14	16	5
,, Bank Cheques	0	16	0
,, Bank Charges	16	5	0
	£1958	13	7

Audited, May 2nd, 1898.

(*Signed*) GEO. R. BARRETT, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(*Signed*) G. HICKS, THOS. J. PAWLEY } *Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to present the twenty-first Report of our Municipal Libraries, covering the twenty-second year of our actual work, the Library having been inaugurated in the autumn of 1876. The Report embraces all our operations from the 1st April, 1897, to the 31st March, 1898, and will be illustrated, as usual, by numerous statistical tables.

Dealing first with these statistics, I may point out that the Library stock has increased during the past twelve months by more than two thousand volumes; the chief additions being in Class B (Biography, etc.) 346, Class K (Reference) 386, Class G (Prose Fiction) 266, Class L (Local) 232 vols., and other classes in proportion. The total strength of the Library is now 44,091 volumes, exclusive of the Patents Publications, which are in themselves a most extensive collection, and occupy the greater part of the basement of the library building. Particulars of these accessions will be found in Tables I. and IX.

In Tables II., III., IV., V., VI., will be found particulars of borrowers enrolled during the year, showing their respective ages, occupations, and residences, and the causes assigned for sundry withdrawals. The total number of borrowers enrolled during

our working year was 2,800, giving a grand total since the opening of the Library of 57,116.

The total issues in all departments, as shown in Table IX., amounted to 377,552, as compared with 325,361 as given in the last Report; an increase over our last Report of 52,191 volumes. The issues in the Lending Library (Table VII.) amounted to 311,246, giving a daily average of 1040; and books consulted in the Reference Library were 66,306, with a daily average of 221. It is satisfactory to note that in nearly all the Classes a marked increase in use is shown; and that the demand for books for the Blind is steadily advancing. The aggregate issues in all departments, since the opening of the Library, amount to 4,290,144—figures which speak for themselves.

Since the issue of my last Report I have passed another Class Catalogue through the press. This is Class B (Biography and Correspondence). This catalogue includes nearly two thousand distinct biographical works, arranged in index or dictionary order, with numerous cross-references. It occupies 64 pages, double columns, and is sold at the uniform price of sixpence. I have now in course of preparation Class F (Poetry, Classics, the Drama, and Literature), which I hope will be ready by the autumn.

An addition has been made to our Evening Reading Rooms by the opening of a Branch at the Mount Street Board School, where commodious rooms have been placed at our disposal by the School Board. The formal opening took place on February 8th last, when his Worship the Mayor (Alderman J. T. Bond) presided over a fairly representative gathering. A full report of the proceedings appeared in the *Library Monthly* for March last.

A further augmentation of our Branch service took place in December last, when the Reading Room opened some years ago in Summerland Place was, by arrangement with the School Board, transferred to the Oxford Street Board School, King Gardens. The change has been for the better, the attendance being larger, and the number of books issued weekly far in excess of that in the former place.

The branches at Laira, Compton, and Cattedown Road

are increasing in popularity, over two hundred borrowers being attached to the former, and the issue of books is steadily increasing in all directions. I am pleased to report that the several attendants in charge of these branches take a most intelligent interest in their work, their efforts tending greatly to increase the popularity of the institutions under their charge. Branches are much needed in other outlying districts, but I would respectfully call your attention to the very large increase in our expenditure during the past year in this direction, and the difficulty of extending our operations to any considerable extent without a proportionate increase in our income.

The additions to our School Libraries have not been considerable, but you will be asked shortly to consider proposals for still further enlarging our work in this direction, by supplying books to some of the suburban districts. This, however, need not involve any extra charge upon us, but may, I think, be made remunerative.

A new departure during the past year has been the issue of our *Library Monthly*, the first number of which was published in October, 1897. This little periodical has proved very popular, and is eagerly welcomed from month to month by our borrowers. By an arrangement with a local printer we are enabled to supply 5,000 copies every month, four pages containing Library notes and news, and four pages containing advertisements. It is produced absolutely free of cost to us, and is distributed gratuitously. In addition to circulating the *Monthly* amongst our own borrowers, bundles have been sent to the School Board offices, the Technical Schools, the Public Schools, Post Office, Police Station, and other local institutions. The first number contained the following summary of the objects sought to be gained by the issue of the *Library Monthly*:—

INTRODUCTORY.

THE objects which we have in view, in issuing this little Monthly Bulletin or Journal, may be explained in a few words:—

First—To make the existence of the Library and its manifold advantages more widely known.

Second—To inform those who would use the Library, how they may set about it.

Third—To give hints from time to time as to the best Books to be read on certain subjects.

Fourth—To furnish Lists of Books added from month to month, to supplement the Class Catalogues already published.

Fifth—To popularise the Library amongst all classes of the community.

By means, therefore, of this little leaflet, we are able to keep our borrowers practically up to date with all matters of interest connected with the library, and in each number we have given lists of books added in all departments, besides special lists for the use of students, and other helpful matters.

The improved and extended heating apparatus, put in by Mr. Best at the beginning of the winter, has proved thoroughly satisfactory, the three principal floors being now attached to the large Keith's boiler in the basement.

I am pleased to report that the new "charging system" introduced last year, and explained in my last Report, has worked well, and our twelve-months' issue has demonstrated, beyond a doubt, that it is equal to all requirements. As a result I was able to publish in the *Library Monthly* some interesting statistics of the comparative issues of certain books during the period covered by our last year's work. This I hope to follow up shortly on more extended lines; in the meanwhile I can speak with assurance that our borrowers are pleased with the new system, and that it is almost impossible for errors to occur, or books to be applied for that are not in the Library at the time. Much more interest has also been taken by borrowers in recommending books, and these (in the form of proposal cards) will now be submitted to the Book Selection Committee at their periodical meetings.

Two or three interesting events have occurred during the past twelve months which call for a passing comment. In July last the second International Conference of Librarians took place in London; the first having been held in 1877. A large number of Librarians from America, the Colonies, and foreign countries

attended, and the meeting was of a particularly interesting character. By the kindness and courtesy of the Mayor (Alderman C. H. Radford), I was able to invite a number of my colleagues to visit Plymouth, and about seventy, chiefly Americans, accepted the invitation. Needless to say, they had a "good time"; they were treated with great hospitality by the Mayor and the local Reception Committee, and were also entertained by Admiral Sir E. R. Fremantle on board the *Defiance*, Torpedo School Ship, and the first-class war-vessel *Renown*. I have received numerous letters from our American friends testifying to the pleasure experienced on this their first visit to old Plymouth, and it is certain that they carried away with them very lively recollections of the town, its institutions, and its hospitality.

In October last I attended the anniversary meeting of the Library Association (now incorporated by Royal Charter), held in London, and read a paper giving a retrospective account of all the meetings from 1877 to 1897, including both conferences; as I enjoy the almost unique distinction of having attended every meeting held since the inauguration of the Society. My colleagues again did me the honour of electing me a Vice-President of the Association.

I would again call public attention to the fact that we can, by authority of the Act of Parliament passed in 1892, lend books to persons residing outside the municipal area. This provision was taken advantage of by a number of people in the Mannamead and Compton district, now brought within the Municipal area; but there are many persons residing in the small towns and villages in the immediate neighbourhood of Plymouth who would doubtless be glad to avail themselves of the facilities afforded by a well-stocked library. I would therefore add, for the information of such, that the Committee have fixed the subscription at the low rate of five shillings per annum.

Amongst the most noticeable gifts to the Library during the past year, I may mention several books printed at the Kelmscott Press. They are beautiful specimens of typography. These books are now displayed in glass cases in the Reference Library.

The donors were Alderman John Shelly and Mr. John H. Radford, both members of the Library Committee, and Mrs. William Morris, in memory of her husband, the founder of the Kelmscott Press.

The late Mr. Charles Harrison, M.P. for Plymouth, sent several parcels of Parliamentary papers and Government Reports as gifts to the Library; we continue to receive the Printed Catalogue of the British Museum, with other works published by the Trustees; also the publications of the Patent Office and the Labour Department; but beyond these we do not receive any of the important works and reports issued on behalf of Her Majesty's Government. This is a matter of surprise and regret, as our colleagues in the United States are much better served than we are, and the American Government are equally liberal to British Libraries. It is time that concerted action should be taken in this matter, as distinct from the separate, casual, and independent action made from time to time on behalf of individual libraries.

I subjoin copies of letters recently received from the Education Department, which I laid before you at the time and took your instructions thereon. As I was one of the first to advocate the utilization of our Board Schools for Evening Reading Rooms, and also to establish small libraries in the schools, it gave me great pleasure in sending a full report of our proceedings in reply to the first letter, and I hope soon to have a copy of the Report in question.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LIBRARY,
43 PARLIAMENT STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
13th December, 1897.

SIR,

It is desired to publish in the next volume of "Special Reports on Educational Subjects" an account of what has been done in various towns towards bringing Public Libraries into closer connexion with the Public Elementary Schools. Such a record would, it is thought, be of great public interest and likely to prove of value to local authorities, teachers, and others, who are seeking to diffuse among the scholars in elementary schools the habit of regular reading and the knowledge of good books.

I am therefore instructed by Sir George Kekewich, the Secretary of the Education Department, to ask if you will be so good as to favour him with information in reply to the queries printed on the enclosed sheets.

Should you be able to furnish information bearing on the question under consideration, I am to express the hope that you will kindly cause your answers (forwarded in the enclosed envelope) to reach him by December 22nd, and that you will also be so good as to send a copy of any printed matter (*e.g.*, guaranty forms, children's catalogues, rules, etc.) relating to the subject of this inquiry.

The task of preparing a report, based on the information which may be received in response to this letter, has been undertaken by Mr. J. J. Ogle, Librarian of the Free Public Library, Bootle, to whom any inquiries relating to the scope or bearing of the enclosed questions should be addressed direct.

Thanking you in anticipation for your assistance in the matter,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

MICHAEL E. SADLER,

Director of Special Inquiries and Reports.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LIBRARY,
43 PARLIAMENT STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
3rd January, 1898.

SIR,

I beg leave to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your favour referring to our inquiries about the connexion between Public Libraries and Public Elementary Schools.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

MICHAEL E. SADLER,

Director of Special Inquiries and Reports.

In February last I attended a meeting in London to inaugurate a School of Training for young librarians. The chair was taken by the Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, and the principal address was given by the Bishop of London. Sir George Kekewich, who was present, spoke of the matter above referred to as then occupying the attention of the Education Department.

No material changes have taken place in the Library Staff during the past twelve months; but in view of the increasing

demands of the public, as well as the rapid advancement in the status of the librarian, it will be a matter for consideration ere long, as to what improvement can be made in the *personnel* of our own staff to meet the requirements of the position. The work of a library is to a large extent mechanical and practical; but it is more and more apparent that the Librarian of the future must be a man of culture as well as a practical man, hence the necessity of our securing assistants with more than average intelligence, and of assisting them by any and every means to a higher and better education than our primary schools afford.

In conclusion, I would again express my sincere thanks to you for the uniform kindness and courtesy I have received at your hands, and to express the hope that an ever-increasing tide of prosperity may set in for the institution, in the work of which so many years of my life have been spent.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT.

Public Library, April 28th, 1898.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1897.	1898.	Increase in 1898.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy..	959	978	19
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	1945	2291	346
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	3205	3276	71
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ..	670	688	18
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1567	1594	27
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	1226	1273	47
G	Prose Fiction	5671	5937	266
H	Miscellaneous Works	992	999	7
I	Magazines and Reviews ..	2737	2856	119
R	Books for the Blind	138	255	117
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries ..	4166	4508	342
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	10701	11087	386
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	7789	8021	232
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ..	310	328	18
	TOTALS ..	42076	44091	2015

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty published Reports ..	54,316
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,800
Total	57,116

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	86
„ deceased	8
„ withdrawn (no reason)	32
Want of time for reading	3
Guarantor withdrawn	6
Cancelled (unclaimed)	11
	146

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1898.

Under 15 years			293
From 15 to 20 years			429
„ 20 to 25 „			386
„ 25 to 30 „			296
„ 30 to 40 „			281
„ 40 to 50 „			161
„ 50 to 60 „			115
„ 60 upwards			90
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	366	
„	Non-Burgesses	383	
			749
			2,800

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Vintry Ward	12	57	69
St. Andrew's Ward	22	183	205
Hoe Ward	27	160	187
Millbay Ward	11	57	68
St. Peter's Ward	17	84	101
Frankfort Ward	19	161	180
Drake's Ward	29	159	188
Charles Ward	37	228	265
Greenbank Ward	27	219	246
Mutley Ward	49	180	229
Compton Ward	24	97	121
Laira Ward	42	162	204
Friary Ward	22	184	206
Sutton Ward	26	84	110
Non-Residents	..	36	36
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	1	6	7
„ Oxford Street	1	59	60
„ Laira	48	146	194
„ Compton	4	56	60
„ Mount Street	8	56	64
	426	2,374	2,800

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1897-8.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	190
Agents and Managers	37
Apprentices	37
Architects	14
Artists	9
Assistants, Shop	53
Bakers and Confectioners	18
Bank Clerks	17
Basket and Brush Makers	8
Billiard Markers	1
Boat Owners	1
Booksellers and Stationers	2
Boot and Shoe Makers	6
Box Makers	1
Brass and Wire Workers	1
Brewers	6
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	3
Builders and Contractors	12
Butchers, &c.	9
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	52
Caretakers	6
Carvers and Turners	5
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	18
Civil Service Officials	3
Clergy and Ministers	16
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	7
Commercial Travellers	27
Coopers	4
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	9
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	13
Dealers	3
Dentists	8
Domestic Servants	23
Drapers	43
Draughtsmen	3
Engineers and Engine Fitters	43
Engravers and Lithographers	3
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	53
Foremen	9
Fruiterers	5
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	31
Grocers and Tea Dealers	23
Gun Fitters	1
Hair Dressers	10
Housekeepers	22
Innkeepers	6
Inspectors	6
Ironmongers	16
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	9
Labourers and Porters	21
Lawyers, &c.	7
Librarians	1
Library Assistants	5
Lighthouse Keepers	4
Literary	5
Lodging-house Keepers	1
Machinists	10
Mariners	11
Married Women (so specified)	56
Masons and Plasterers	16
Medical Men	4
Merchants and Manufacturers	17
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	30
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	24
Nurses	13
Officers, Army and Navy	42
Packers	12
Painters and Decorators	17
Pawnbrokers	5
Pensioners	14
Photographers	8
Phrenologists	2
Pianoforte Makers	8
Platelayers	4
Plumbers and Gasfitters	19
Police Officers	12
Post Office Employés	34
Printers and Compositors	27
Railway Officials	18
Rate Collectors	2
Riggers	1
Salesmen	10
Sawyers	1
School Children and Students	253
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	148
Sculptors	2
Seedsmen	5
Shipwrights	5
Shopkeepers	16
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	12
Soldiers	3
Spinsters (so specified)	17
Surveyors	4
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	20
Tobacconists	3
Upholsterers	3
Warehousemen	19
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	13
Widows (so specified)	9
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	903
Total	2,800

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Politcal Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1897.																
April ..	24	96	504	691	40	411	95	6,945	82	509	1,579	345	47	16,346	27,690	1,153
May ...	26	126	536	704	49	446	111	7,163	54	580	1,187	349	53	20,501	31,859	1,225
June ...	24	151	382	543	50	327	103	6,066	45	479	1,070	271	42	16,386	25,915	1,079
July ...	27	172	426	625	46	316	96	7,082	45	624	1,075	355	27	403	11,292	418
August ...	25	118	364	548	25	319	65	6,185	69	576	1,056	338	28	15,467	25,158	1,006
September	26	105	294	442	40	302	83	6,226	76	591	971	330	43	15,492	24,995	961
October ...	26	163	471	710	65	477	107	7,571	130	689	961	449	46	19,909	31,748	1,221
November	26	171	437	773	51	578	148	8,836	108	679	980	462	26	15,947	29,196	1,122
December	25	83	344	636	55	392	122	5,911	93	559	801	312	20	15,549	24,877	995
1898.																
January ...	19	62	344	531	54	302	100	5,430	64	462	660	299	41	16,030	24,379	1,283
February	24	86	430	673	67	477	121	6,978	90	586	790	403	49	16,132	26,882	1,120
March ...	27	104	477	724	76	467	152	7,008	99	570	860	524	37	16,157	27,255	1,009
Totals ..	299	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	4,437	459	184,319	311,246	1,040

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1897.															
April ...	24	108	142	199	953	257	125	59	116	2,950	121	192	551	5,773	240
May ...	26	99	111	240	948	266	146	81	96	3,334	162	143	641	6,267	241
June ...	24	85	110	224	859	325	99	44	135	2,734	153	210	525	5,503	229
July ...	27	91	154	288	888	288	118	39	104	2,966	180	223	592	5,931	219
August ...	25	93	106	194	617	249	76	64	117	2,473	113	127	660	4,889	195
September	26	94	92	297	775	253	68	53	273	2,933	155	121	526	5,640	216
October ...	26	100	105	386	946	313	89	59	209	2,734	161	182	633	5,917	227
November	26	107	121	381	833	258	88	62	206	2,686	148	146	546	5,582	214
December	25	116	146	361	870	283	95	45	226	2,980	152	199	557	6,030	241
1898.															
January ...	20	49	71	254	606	181	82	54	187	2,542	100	88	401	4,615	230
February	24	77	110	175	684	235	99	53	153	2,736	136	83	426	4,967	206
March	27	86	85	196	752	239	108	36	151	2,704	155	182	498	5,192	192
Totals ...	300	1,105	1,353	3,195	9,731	3,147	1,193	649	1,973	33,772	1,736	1,896	6,556	66,306	221

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-one published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	360	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	..	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,851	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,508	..	..	160,823	56
1887 ..	287	1'278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,079	3,302	..	.	147,001	51
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	251,739	71
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,009	12,077	49,151	393	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,097	15,065	52,414	847	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
Totals.		23,865	67,925	161,504	13,093	67,528	38,380	1,399,376	38,541	205,278	624,990	703,317	74,244	761	871,342	4,200,144	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356		3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	255	3,837	44,091	2,015

* For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

The following is a list of the School Libraries and Branches supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,, ...	Girls	100
,, ,, ...	Mixed	100
Compton National	Mixed	200
King Street	Boys	200
Laira	Boys	100
,, ...	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,, ...	Girls	120
North Road	Girls	300
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street	.. ..	300
Regent Street	Higher Grade	500
St. Peter's	Boys	125
,, ...	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
Cattedown Road Branch Evening Reading Room ..	.. ..	240
Laira ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Compton ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Oxford Street ,, ,,	,, ...	269
Mount Street ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Police Library ,, ,,	,, ...	150
		5,204

N.B.—Books are also issued, by special arrangement, to the men employed at the Breakwater and Eddystone Lighthouses.

TABLE XII.

PATENTS DEPARTMENT.

Particulars of Stock in trust for the Commissioners of Patents, and for the use of the public, up to the end of 1897.

Under the Old Law.	Separate Specifications.
Specifications of Patents, with Drawings, etc., from 1617 to 1852	14,358

Under the New Law.*

Specifications of Patents for

1852 ..	1,200	1865 ..	3,386
1853 ..	3,000	1866 ..	3,389
1854 ..	2,800	1867 ..	3,700
1855 ..	2,958	1868 ..	3,991
1856 ..	3,100	1869 ..	3,700
1857 ..	3,200	1870 ..	3,405
1858 ..	3,007	1871 ..	3,529
1859 ..	3,000	1872 ..	3,900
1860 ..	3,196	1873 ..	4,300
1861 ..	3,276	1874 ..	4,500
1862 ..	3,490	1875 ..	4,600
1863 ..	3,309		
1864 ..	3,260		81,206

** The above are in separate pamphlets as published, and are arranged in convenient bundles in chronological order.*

Specifications for

1876* ..	5,100	1889 ..	20,922
1877* ..	4,949	1890 ..	21,300
1878* ..	5,343	1891 ..	22,805
1879* ..	5,338	1892 ..	24,166
1880* ..	5,517	1893 ..	25,100
1881* ..	5,751	1894 ..	25,370
1882* ..	6,241	1895 ..	25,050
1883* ..	5,993	1896 ..	30,163
1884* ..	17,110	1897 ..	30,927
1885* ..	16,109	Brought over	81,200
1886 ..	16,934		
1887 ..	17,950		438,485
1888 ..	19,069		

** In 611 Volumes.*

Abridgments	400
Patents Journal	59
American Patent Office Reports ..	38
Indexes (British)	188
Indexes Foreign)	10
Publications on Patents Laws ..	4

Donors to the Library,

1897-8.

The following have presented Books and Pamphlets to the Library since the publication of the last Report.

Advertiser's A.B.C., Publishers
Agent-General for British Columbia
Agent-General for Canada
Agent-General for New South Wales
Agent-General for Queensland
Agent-General for Western Australia
American Library Association

Bignell, G. C., Stonehouse
Board of Trade (Labour Department)
Board of Trade (Marine Department)
Boscawen, John R. de C., Truro
Bower, H., Folkestone
Brewster, F. C.
Brinsmead, Edgar
Bristol University College, Delegates of
British Museum, Trustees of
Browne, T. B., London
Brushfield, T. N., Budleigh Salterton
Burns, Edward
Bushnell, Dr. Frank, Plymouth
Byfield, T. W., Plymouth

Cook, E. C., Plymouth
Cobden Club
Crane, Crane & Co., London
Crisp, F. A.
Cunard Steamship Company

Danson, J. T., Grasmere, Westmoreland
Davey, G. G., Borough Treasurer, Plymouth
Dublin University College, Delegates of
Durham University College, Delegates of

Editor of the *Newcastle Chronicle* Year Book, 1898
Ellacott, R. H., Plymouth
Ellis, J. H., Plymouth
Evans, H. M.

Facey, Mr., Plymouth
Foster, W. H., Plymouth
Friends' Tract Association, Secretary of

Gould, I. Chalkley
Griffin & Co., London

Harrison, the late Chas., M.P., London
Heywood, John, Manchester
Hilton, James
Hime, Lieut.-Col. H. W. L.

Ingram, Mr.
Inskip, Capt., Plymouth

James, Miss H. P., Osterhout, U.S.A.
Jones, Dora M.

Le Roy, Miss Ada M., Birmingham
London Directory Company
Love & Wyman, Messrs., London

Library Reports and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

Aberdeen
Ashton-under-Lyne
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow
Barrow-in-Furness
Battersea
Birkenhead
Birmingham
Blackburn
Blackpool
Bolton
Bootle
Boston
Bournemouth
Bradford
Brentford

Brighton
Bristol
Brookline
Buxton
Camberwell
Cambridge
Cardiff
Carlisle
Carnegie, Ayr
Chelsea
Chicago
Chiswick
Clerkenwell
Cork
Cripplegate Foundation
Croydon
Derby
Detroit
Dewsbury
Dukinfield
Ealing
Enoch Pratt, Baltimore, U.S.A.
Falmouth
Fletcher Library, Vermont
Folkestone
Fulham
Glasgow
Gosport and Alverstoke
Great Yarmouth
Hammersmith
Hampstead
Handsworth
Hanley
Harlesden
Holborn, London
Hove
Hyde
Jersey City, U.S.A.
Kidderminster
Kilburn
Kingston-upon-Hull
Leeds
Leicester
Leyland, Hindley
Lincoln
Liskeard
Liverpool
Longton
Loughborough
Maimonides, New York, U.S.A.
Manchester
Middlesborough
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Newark
Norwich
Nottingham
Peoria, Ill., U.S.A.
Philadelphia, U.S.A.
Poplar
Portsmouth
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Preston
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N.Y.
Richmond
Rochdale
Rotherhithe
Runcorn
St. George, Hanover Square, London
St. Giles, London
St. Helens
St. Leonard, Shoreditch
St. Louis, U.S.A.
St. Saviour's, Southwark, London
Salem, Mass.
Salford
Sheffield
Smethwick
Somerville
Southampton
South Shields
Sowerby Bridge
Stafford
Stirlings and Glasgow
Stoke Newington
Streatham
Sydney, New South Wales
Tokyo, Japan
Tonbridge
Toronto, Canada
Twickenham
Walsall
Watford
West Bromwich
Westminster
West Ham
Whitechapel
Widnes
Wigan
Wilkes Barre, U.S.A.
Willesden
Wolverhampton
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

Mancini, Prof. Diocleziano, Italy
Marine Biological Association
Mather & Crowther, London
May, Messrs. W. A. & Co., London
Meehan, J. F., Bath
Mitchell, C., London
Morris, Mrs.

National Footpath Preservation Society

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*concluded.*

Newton Abbot U.D. Council
Nisbet, Hume

Oxford University Press, Delegates of

Pearse, W. H., Plymouth
Peck, W. E., Birmingham
Penberthy, C. P.
Penzance Natural History Society
Perry & Co., London
Plymouth Corporation
Plymouth Institution
Plymouth Mercantile Association
Plymouth School Board
Plymouth Technical Schools
Prout, Miss, Bristol

Radford, J. H., Plymouth
Registrar-General of Seamen, London
Registrar of Patents, London
Ross, F. S., Treverbyn, Cornwall
Royal Institute of British Architects
Royal Colonial Institute
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society

Sell, H., London
Shelly, J., Plymouth
Simms, Joseph
Smithsonian Institution
Sowerby, J. D., Chief Constable, Plymouth
Stephens, W. Walker
Stubbs & Co., London
Sutton & Sons, Reading
Swinton, R. B.

Taylor, S.
Trevail, Silvanus, Truro

Weekes, Phillips & Co., Plymouth
Williams, F. M., Medical Officer of Health, Plymouth
Williams & Norgate, London
Woodhouse, H. B. S., Plymouth
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth

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Great Northern
Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publisher and others.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*American Bookmaker	M
Animal World	M
Antiquary	M
Architect	W
Architectural Review	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Amateur	M
Art Journal	M
Artist	M
Atalanta	M
Athenæum	W
Autocar	W
Badminton	M
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Bimetallist	M
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Blackpool Times	W
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Builders' Reporter	M
Building News	W
Building World	W
*Cabmen's Weekly Messenger	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
Chapman's Magazine	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
Chums	W
*Church Bells	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church News	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Civil Service Monthly	M
Classical Review	M
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Colonial Circulars	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	W
Cornish Post	M
*Cornish Telegraph	W
*Country Sport	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (two copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Press	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Drapers' Record	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
Education (two copies)	W
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
*Emigrant	Q
*Emmanuel Parish Magazine	M
Engineer	W
English Churchman	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Family Friend	M
*Farm, Field, and Fireside	W
Figaro	W
Fireside News	W
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Freeman's Journal	D
Freeman's Weekly	W
Fun	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentleman's Magazine	M
Gentlewoman	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
Good Words	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
Happy Home	W
Harper's Magazine	M
*Health News	W
Hearth and Home	W
Herald of the Golden Age	M
House	M
Idler	M
*Ilfracombe Gazette	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
Independent Echo (2 copies)	W
Inquirer	W
*Inventors' Review	M
*Insurance Agent	M
Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	M
Judy	W
Justice	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
*Labour Prophet	M
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberator	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's Magazine	M
Ludgate Monthly	M
Machinery Market	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Art	M
Mariner	M
*Mark Lane Express	W
*Mechanical World	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List (Lean's)	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian (2 copies)	W
Newquay Visitors' Notes and Directory	
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work (2 copies)	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
Peace and Goodwill	Q
Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
Princess	W
*Printer and Bookmaker	M
*Printers' Register	M
*Protestant Alliance	M
*Public Health	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Rhondda Post	W
Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M
St. James' Gazette	D
St. Paul's	W
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
Shipping World	W
Sketch	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Spinning Wheel	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
Star	D
*State Correspondent	M
*Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (weekly edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
To-Day	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
Union Line Gazette	M
*Unity	M
*University Correspondent	W and M
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Verulam	Q
Weekly Dispatch	W
Weekly Sun	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
Western Evening Herald (2 copies)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (2 copies)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Wheeling	W
Windsor Magazine	M
Woman	W
Woman at Home	M
Woman's Life	W
Woman's Signal	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
Young England	M
Young Man	M
Young Woman	M
Zoophilist	M

RAILWAY AND OTHER OFFICIAL TIME TABLES.

English Railways.

Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

OXFORD STREET READING ROOM.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

British Weekly	W
British Workman	M
Cassell's Family Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Chums	W
Church in the West	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
Illustrated London News	W
Independent Echo	W
Invention	W
Inventors' Review	M
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
People	W
Punch	W
Quiver	M
Standard	D
Sunday at Home	M
Times (weekly edition)	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
Weekly Sun	W
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	W
Western Independent	W
Western Morning News	D
Western Weekly Mercury	W
Western Weekly News	W
Westminster Budget	W
Do. Gazette	D
Woman	W
Woman at Home	W
Woman's Signal	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

CATTEDOWN ROAD READING ROOM.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

British Workman	M	Naval and Military Record	W
*Canadian Gazette	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Public Opinion	W
Century Magazine	M	Punch	W
Chambers's Journal	M	Review of Reviews	M
Chums	W	Shipping Gazette	D
*Civil Service Aspirant	W	Standard	D
Daily Chronicle	D	Strand Magazine	M
Daily Graphic	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily News	D	Western Daily Mercury	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Evening Herald	D
Fun	W	Western Figaro	W
Good Words	M	Western Independent	W
Graphic	W	Western Morning News	D
Hearth and Home	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Illustrated London News	W	Western Weekly News	W
Independent Echo	W	Woman	W
Labour News	W	Woman's Signal	W
Leisure Hour	M		

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

LAIRA READING ROOM.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

Black and White	W	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
British Weekly	W	People	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Punch	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Quiver	M
Chums	W	Review of Reviews	M
Church in the West	W	Standard	D
*Civil Service Aspirant	W	Strand Magazine	M
Daily Graphic	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily News	D	Times (weekly edition)	W
Daily Telegraph	D	Weekly Sun	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Daily Mercury	D
Fun	W	Western Evening Herald	D
Good Words	M	Western Figaro	W
Graphic	W	Western Independent	W
Hearth and Home	W	Western Morning News	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Independent Echo	W	Western Weekly News	W
Lady	W	Westminster Budget	W
Leisure Hour	M	Woman	W
Ludgate Monthly	M	Woman at Home	M
Naval and Military Record	W	Woman's Signal	W
Pall Mall Magazine	M		

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

COMPTON READING ROOM.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

Animal World	M	Naval and Military Record	W
Atalanta	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Black and White	W	Punch	W
British Weekly	W	Queen	W
British Workman	M	Quiver	M
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Review of Reviews	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Scribner's	M
Chambers's Journal	M	Standard	D
Chums	W	Sunday at Home	M
Church in the West	W	Times (weekly edition)	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W	Western Daily Mercury	D
Daily Chronicle	D	Western Evening Herald	D
Daily Graphic	D	Western Figaro	W
Daily Mail	D	Western Independent	W
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Morning News	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Good Words	M	Western Weekly News	W
Graphic	W	Westminster Budget	W
Hearth and Home	W	Woman	W
Illustrated London News	W	Woman at Home	M
Independent Echo	W	Woman's Signal	W
Lady's Realm	M		

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

MOUNT STREET READING ROOM.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

Animal World	M	Lady	W
Black and White	W	Lady's Realm	M
Boys' Own Paper	W	Longman's Magazine	M
British Workman	M	Ludgate Monthly	M
Cassell's Magazine	M	Naval and Military Record	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Chambers's Journal	M	Queen	W
Chums	W	Quiver	W
*Civil Service Aspirant	W	St. Paul's	W
Daily Chronicle	D	Standard	D
Daily Graphic	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily Mail	D	Western Daily Mercury	D
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Evening Herald	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Figaro	W
Fun	W	Western Independent	W
Gentlewoman	W	Western Morning News	D
Good Words	M	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Graphic	W	Western Weekly News	W
Hearth and Home	W	Westminster Budget	W
Illustrated London News	W	Woman	W
Independent Echo	W	Woman at Home	M

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Twenty-Second Annual Report

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS COMMITTEE

(From April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899.)

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 8th, 1899.

1898-99.

Plymouth:
W. F. WESTCOTT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER.

1899

Library Committee,

1898-99.

(Elected November 19th, 1898.)

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMAN JOHN PETHICK.

Deputy Chairman and Hon. Treasurer:

MR. GEO. R. BARRETT.

ALDERMAN JOHN GREENWAY
ALDERMAN JOHN SHELLY
COUNCILLOR E. R. HILSON
COUNCILLOR S. SCOBLE
COUNCILLOR JOHN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR J. Y. WOOLLCOMBE

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REV. PROF. F. E. ANTHONY, M.A., J.P.
MR. WALTER LETHBRIDGE, J.P.
MR. JOHN H. RADFORD
MR. W. WILLOUGHBY

Library Staff.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R.HIST.SOC., F.L.A.,
Vice-President Library Association.

Assistant Librarian: W. J. BENNETTS.

Assistant, Reference Library: R. E. WELLINGTON.

Senior Assistant: W. J. HAWKE.

Junior Assistants: T. BURROW, W. CANN.

News-Rooms Attendant: F. DURHAM.

Magazine-Room Attendant: A. S. JOSLIN.

Caretakers: ISAAC GOULD, E. BURLEY.

General Arrangements at the Central Library and Branches.

CENTRAL LIBRARY—

General News-Room, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week-day.

Magazine and Ladies' Room, 10 a.m. to 9-30 p.m. every week-day.

Reference Library, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week-day (Wednesdays during Summer, close at 2 p.m.)

Lending Library, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Patents Library, same as Reference Library.

EVENING BRANCHES—Open 6-30 to 9-30 p.m.

Cattedown-Road Board School, St. John's Road.
Attendance Officer: HENRY LEE.

Oxford-Street Board School, King Gardens.
Attendance Officer: THOMAS POTTER.

Laira Board School.
Attendance Officer: J. G. R. ANDERSON

Compton National School, Lower Compton.
Attendance Officer: J. A. DUGDALE.

Mount Street Board School, Armada Street.
Attendance Officer: C. J. FOWLER.

Police Headquarters, Catherine Street. *Police only.*

Small Lending Libraries are also attached to all the Board Schools; also to the Public School, Cobourg Street, St. Peter's National School, and Compton National School.

Report of the Library Committee.

In the lamented absence of the Deputy-Chairman through severe illness, and of Alderman Shelly, who has undertaken his duties temporarily, I have been asked by the Committee to add a few lines to the Secretary's Report.

The past year has not been marked by any great changes in the work of the Library. The issue of books is slightly in advance of last year, having reached a daily average of 1,040, and the number of all kinds on the shelves amounts to 45,278 volumes.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets has been 2,652 for the year, and of these 276 are from Laira, showing that the inhabitants of that district are appreciating the advantages of inclusion in the Municipal area.

An important step has been taken by the Committee in arranging for the future lighting of the Library building by electricity. This will add greatly to the comfort of the visitors, and be to the advantage of the books.

It will, however, add to the annual expenses for some years to come, and coupled with our responsibility in the payment of money advanced by the Finance Committee of the Council for the alterations and repairs executed a few years since, the present state of their finances is causing your Committee some anxiety. The Financial Statement for the year, appended to the Annual Report, shows an adverse balance of £542 4s. 5d., and it has become evident that some immediate curtailment of expenditure is necessary to avoid serious embarrassment in the future.

The Committee propose to close the Mount-Street Reading-Room, which stands lowest on the list of the Branches for attendance, and is sufficiently near to the Central Library to make its continuance unnecessary. They will also close the Branch in Compton village for the summer months, during which season it will not be much used. By this action a saving in the year's expenditure of about £100 will be secured.

The Committee further ask the Finance Committee of the Council to allow the Interest on the Loan to form part of the annual payment of £200, by which about £40 per annum will be saved.

In other directions some reductions of expense can be made, without impairing the efficiency or usefulness of the Library, and the Finance Sub-Committee are specially charged to watch carefully against any increase of expenditure during the coming year.

Beyond this question of Finance, there is everything in the working of the Library to give satisfaction to the Committee and to the Ratepayers, for whose benefit it has been established, and towards this your excellent and able Librarian has as usual contributed his full share.

F. E. ANTHONY.

May 3rd, 1899.

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement for the Year ending 31st March, 1899.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
To Corporation (per Borough Treasurer)—						
June 27th, 1898	413	5	0			
Sept. 28th, 1898	413	5	0			
Dec. 31st, 1898	413	5	0			
Mar. 28th, 1899	413	5	0			
				1653	0	0
To Corporation—Special Loan				144	2	11
,, Fines received from Borrowers				37	2	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Tickets				11	4	6
,, Sale of Catalogues				4	4	0
,, Sale of Old Newspapers				3	1	6
,, Post-Cards for Bespoke Books				1	18	7
,, Subscriptions (non-residents)				1	5	0
,, Damaged and Lost Books				0	14	6
,, Sale of Rules and Regulations				0	6	4
,, Balance due to Bank	342	4	5			
,, Cheque not presented	200	0	0			
				542	4	5
				£2399	3	9

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Bank, per last Report	291	13	0
By Warming Apparatus	138	18	1
,, Furniture, Fittings, and Alterations	83	12	5
,, Painting Staircase, &c.	19	0	0
,, Repayment of Loan—3rd Instalment	200	0	0
,, Rent paid to Corporation	35	0	0
,, Interest on Loan, paid to Corporation	44	9	0
,, Librarian's Salary	230	0	0
,, Wages and Attendance—Central	391	17	0
,, ,, .. Branches	181	13	4
,, Printing and Stationery	40	8	0
,, Printing Annual Report	6	14	0
,, Catalogues	42	11	6
,, New Books and Replacements	192	11	7
,, Binding and Repairs	70	2	10
,, Magazines and Reviews	42	14	5
,, Newspapers	105	18	6
,, Gas and Fuel	66	7	6
,, Insurance	5	0	0
,, Auditors' Fees	3	3	0
,, Postages, Notices to Borrowers, &c.	13	13	6
,, Rail Charges, Porterage, &c.	17	11	11
,, Cleaning and Sundries	11	8	11
,, Bank Cheques	0	16	0
,, Bank Charges	26	19	7
,, Cash Balances	37	19	8
	£2399	3	9

Audited, April 28th, 1899.

(*Signed*) JOHN SHELLY, *Chairman Finance Committee, and Hon. Treas.* (pro tem.)
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(*Signed*) G. HICKS
THOS. J. PAWLEY } *Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (the Chairman) and the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The work of the Library has progressed steadily during the past twelve months, as will be seen by reference to the statistical tables which accompany this Report.

Although nothing of particular moment has occurred since I last had the honour of addressing you, it is incumbent upon me to make a few brief comments upon the facts and figures here presented, as well as some general remarks upon the work and events of the year.

Accessions to the Library stock since the issue of the last Report, have numbered 1,187, in addition to the large increase in the Patents' publications, which are now arranged in the basement. As usual, the principal increase has been in the Reference Library (which includes the Devon and Cornwall Collection). We have now in the Central Library and the Branches, 45,278 volumes as against 44,091 volumes recorded in the last Report. Roughly speaking, therefore, we have 20,000 volumes in the Reference Library, and 25,000 in the Lending Library and the Branches.

Since the publication of the Report for 1897-98, the number of borrowers' tickets registered has been 2,652, and it is interesting to note that the recently-added district of Laira heads the list with 276 borrowers. This speaks well for the popularity of this outlying branch, which has been from the first an unqualified success. The attendance at the Compton Branch has been small, as also that at the Mount-Street Branch. The removal of the Reading-Room from Union-Street School to Oxford Street has been productive of good results. At Cattedown-Road School the Reading-Room has been removed from its old location to the building on the other side of the street, with satisfactory results.

A separate table will give you a comparative statement of the work done at each of these branches. (See Table XI.)

There is nothing of a special character to point out in connection with the tables dealing with the residences, occupations, and ages of the new borrowers, the information being similar in most respects to that given in previous reports.

Turning to Table VII., it will be found that there has been an increase of issues over the corresponding period of last year of 4,664, the daily average being 1,040; while the number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library, as shown in Table VIII., shows a slight decrease, the daily average being 209 as against 221 in 1897-98.

Taking the totals of all departments (Table IX.), it will be found that we have made a slight increase over previous years, the general total amounting to 378,811; while the aggregate issues in all departments since the opening of the Library in 1876 has reached the large total of 4,668,955 volumes.

Table X. shows the yearly increase in the Library stock as stated above, and needs no further comment.

Other Tables show the extent of our operations in connection with the Schools and Branches, and the accessions to the Patents Department

The attendance in our General Newsroom from day to day is very large — about three thousand daily — and, considering the

varied class of persons who use the room, the order kept is very satisfactory; one or two cases of wilful mutilation of periodicals has occurred, but on the whole there is not much to complain of. Similarly, the Magazine-Room is very popular, and is occasionally inconveniently crowded. The ladies' department is also much used. The Reference Library Reading-Room is used to a larger extent than formerly, chiefly by students.

The popularity of our School Libraries still grows, and we have frequent applications for more books, which we cannot always supply, as our reserve stock of Juvenile literature is small, and the wear and tear is very great. Nevertheless, it is a satisfaction to know that these branches are so highly appreciated by those for whom they were designed. In my last statement I called attention to the fact that a Report was then in preparation by order of the Education Department, dealing with the question of School Libraries; this Report has since been issued, and I am glad to find that our work in this direction is fully recognised. It is also satisfactory to know that other towns are taking the initiative.

Our little *Library Monthly* to which I referred last year, had but a short life, for at the end of twelve months it ceased to appear, the printer declining to supply five thousand copies per month on the chance of recouping himself by the issue of advertisements. I have up to the present time been unable to find a printer who would undertake the work on the same terms. I regret that it became necessary to cease this publication, as it was most useful, and was eagerly looked for by our borrowers.

I have made some headway with the work of cataloguing the library, but have delayed sending any more catalogues to the printer for financial reasons. I am now awaiting your instructions as to proceeding with these necessary and useful publications. I have also commenced the preparation of a slip-catalogue of the whole Library, which will be a great boon when completed, but is necessarily a work of slow growth.

Since last year a new department has been started in connection with the Lending Library, viz., a section for Music. The gift of thirty volumes of popular music by an enterprising advertising firm has resulted in opening up a new and popular feature in our work, which I hope still further to develop. This new departure is much appreciated.

Gifts to the Library have not been numerous or important, but I may call attention to the continuation of the works published by the Trustees of the British Museum, which are sent to us regularly; and also to various publications received from America, including the valuable reports of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington. We are also indebted to a member of our Committee, Alderman John Shelly, for several valuable donations. These and other gifts will be recorded in the appendix to this Report.

I would once more call attention to our system of lending books to persons residing outside the municipal area, as it does not appear to be generally known. It should be pointed out that residents in the adjoining towns, or in any of the villages in the vicinity of Plymouth, may upon payment of a subscription of five shillings per annum become borrowers from this Library. Further, it is within the power of the governing bodies of any adjoining town or district to unite with a town or district which has already adopted the Library Acts, for library purposes alone. An arrangement such as this would be more economical than the establishment of a small independent library without adequate funds to support it.

Turning now to other matters, I would recall to your minds the fact that in August last you considered the desirability of connecting the Library with the Corporation Electrical system. The Electrical Engineer was consulted, and at the request of the Committee he prepared plans and specifications, which were laid before you at subsequent meetings, and eventually approved. In February last tenders were obtained for wiring the building according to Mr. Rider's plan, and a tender was accepted for the sum of £175. The work is now being proceeded with, and it is

confidently expected that the building will be lit by electricity early in the autumn of the present year.

It is somewhat premature to speak of the effects which will follow this change, but there can be little doubt that the difference in the atmosphere of the building and consequent improvement in the health of the staff and of those who frequent the Reading-Rooms will be most marked; besides which, our books will stand less chance of injury than from the heated and vitiated air when gas is employed as an illuminant.

Application was recently made to the Finance Committee of the Corporation for a special loan to meet this additional expenditure, and this being recommended by the Finance Committee was afterwards approved by the Council.

Early in the spring of last year a portion of the premises underwent renovation, and the Corporation recently made good some defects in the roof over the western end of the building, which for a long time had been a source of danger and anxiety. The windows, which were in a very dilapidated condition, have also been put in a better state of repair.

In August last I attended, by your kind permission, the twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Library Association, which was held at Southport, under the presidency of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, one of the most distinguished bibliophiles in the kingdom. This meeting was interesting from the fact that the towns of Wigan and Preston joined with the Corporation of Southport in giving a welcome to the Association. I had thus the opportunity of inspecting the libraries in these towns, and of minutely studying their working, by which I have been able to profit to some considerable extent.

Into our financial affairs it is not my province to enter, but in view of the adverse balance at the bank it will be necessary to use strict economy during the present year. It will therefore be my aim to reduce the expenditure as much as possible without seriously crippling the usefulness of the Library.

As you are aware, the five branches are a very heavy drain

upon the resources of the Library, as I estimate that each branch costs for attendance and maintenance at least £75, that is, £35 for the wages of the attendant and for cleaning, and £40 for periodicals, newspapers, and incidentals. In the financial statement you will find the amount set against the branches for wages and attendance as £181 13s. 4d., which is a trifle in excess of my estimate, but this includes a few items for special service which may not recur. We may fairly assume, therefore, that our five branches cost at least £375 per annum, not, of course, taking into account the supply of books from the Central Library or any share of the general establishment charges.

I cannot close this Report without referring to the long and serious illness of our Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (Mr. G. R. Barrett), who, in spite of the nature of his illness, has all along maintained the most lively interest in the affairs of the Library, and has carried out his duties as Treasurer even when confined to his bed. At the moment of writing Mr. Barrett lies in a very precarious condition, but it is sincerely to be hoped that he may ultimately be restored to health, and be able to resume that active interest in the institutions of the town with which he has for so many years been so intimately connected.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

April 25th, 1899. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes. 1898.	1899.	Increase in 1899.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy..	978	985	7
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	2291	2361	70
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	3276	3336	60
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ..	688	745	57
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History..	1594	1624	30
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	1273	1316	43
G	Prose Fiction	5937	6110	173.
H	Miscellaneous Works	999	*699	
I	Magazines and Reviews ..	2856	2970	114
M	Music		81	81
R	Books for the Blind	255	270	15
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries ..	4508	4652	144
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	11087	11461	374
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	8021	8282	261
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ..	328	386	58
				1487
	Deduct, transferred to other classes ..			300
	TOTALS ..	44091	45278	1187

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-one published Reports ..	57,116
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,652
	59,768

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	78
„ deceased	6
„ withdrawn	71
Want of time for reading	9
Guarantor withdrawn	4
Cancelled (unclaimed)	22
	190

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1899.

Under 15 years		238
From 15 to 20 years		500
„ 20 to 25 „		377
„ 25 to 30 „		246
„ 30 to 40 „		301
„ 40 to 50 „		141
„ 50 to 60 „		107
„ 60 upwards		75
Ages not recorded : Burgesses	327	
„ Non-Burgesses	340	
		667
		2,652

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	10	47	57
St. Andrew's Ward	17	127	144
Hoe Ward	21	186	207
Millbay Ward	9	70	79
St. Peter's Ward	16	81	97
Frankfort Ward	17	141	158
Drake's Ward	26	123	149
Charles Ward	28	198	226
Greenbank Ward	24	144	168
Mutley Ward	40	211	251
Compton Ward	18	72	90
Laira Ward	32	210	242
Friary Ward	19	134	153
Sutton Ward	13	88	101
Non-Residents	2	35	37
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	3	3	6
„ Oxford Street	2	51	53
„ Laira	53	223	276
„ Compton	13	33	46
„ Mount Street	19	93	112
	382	2,270	2,652

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1898-9.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	202
Agents and Managers	40
Apprentices	41
Architects	15
Artists	10
Assistants, Shop	45
Bakers and Confectioners	16
Bank Clerks	12
Basket and Brush Makers	4
Billiard Markers	4
Boat Owners	1
Booksellers and Stationers	4
Boot and Shoe Makers	11
Box Makers	2
Brass and Wire Workers	2
Brewers	5
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	2
Builders and Contractors	9
Butchers, &c.	10
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	52
Caretakers	4
Carvers and Turners	1
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	19
Civil Service Officials	4
Clergy and Ministers	18
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	5
Commercial Travellers	23
Coopers	6
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	8
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	11
Dealers	11
Dentists	4
Domestic Servants	24
Drapers	41
Draughtsmen	7
Engineers and Engine Fitters	67
Engravers and Lithographers	5
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	54
Foremen	8
Fruiterers	4
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	38
Grocers and Tea Dealers	13
Gun Fitters	1
Hair Dressers	11
Housekeepers	23
Innkeepers	11
Inspectors	4
Ironmongers	17
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	11
Labourers and Porters	27
Lawyers, &c.	6
Library Assistants	6
Lighthouse Keepers	4
Literary	1
Lodging-house Keepers	3
Machinists	9
Mariners	7
Married Women (so specified)	65
Masons and Plasterers	27
Medical Men	11
Merchants and Manufacturers	15
Millers	8
Milliners and Dressmakers	25
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	13
Nurses	16
Officers, Army and Navy	27
Packers	15
Painters and Decorators	17
Pawnbrokers	4
Pensioners	26
Photographers	9
Phrenologists	2
Pianoforte Makers	4
Platelayers	1
Plumbers and Gasfitters	14
Police Officers	5
Post Office Employees	18
Printers and Compositors	24
Railway Officials	22
Rate Collectors	7
Riggers	2
Salesmen	9
Sawyers	1
School Children and Students	205
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	128
Sculptors	5
Seedsmen	11
Shipwrights	15
Shopkeepers	9
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	12
Soldiers	8
Spinsters (so specified)	15
Surveyors	4
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	22
Tobacconists	7
Upholsterers	5
Warehousemen	16
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	11
Widows (so specified)	14
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	775
Total	2,652

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1898.																	
April ...	24	124	496	654	52	437	141	6,875	62	545	841	581	...	33	20,491	31,332	1,305
May ...	25	112	380	618	61	408	192	6,407	57	468	816	519	17	18	16,520	26,593	1,063
June ...	26	78	361	531	22	396	205	6,198	36	472	717	469	84	24	16,400	25,993	999
July ...	26	80	377	573	61	424	214	5,902	49	457	736	484	73	16	20,954	30,400	1,169
August ...	26	71	294	421	49	283	168	5,355	36	444	678	383	57	19	16,667	24,925	958
September	26	83	285	519	56	406	209	5,509	44	462	664	426	73	7	16,805	25,548	982
October ...	26	111	358	657	60	457	253	5,945	54	472	678	503	68	21	21,161	30,798	1,184
November	26	121	354	612	86	474	226	5,865	44	548	686	460	56	27	16,958	26,517	1,019
December	25	82	324	603	49	361	191	4,710	42	448	631	368	44	23	13,320	21,196	847
1899.																	
January ...	14	45	159	311	34	249	87	3,131	20	262	312	169	28	16	16,921	21,744	1,553
February	24	80	287	590	64	371	173	5,106	21	453	618	312	32	15	17,040	25,162	1,048
March ...	26	97	330	618	55	441	134	5,391	34	519	600	308	29	37	17,109	25,702	989
Totals ..	294	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	4,982	561	256	210,346	315,910	1,074

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1898.															
April ...	24	98	103	225	785	264	91	124	199	2,550	168	125	509	5,241	218
May ...	25	103	66	223	749	290	167	77	159	2,472	143	168	477	5,094	203
June ...	26	115	81	189	727	277	195	45	101	2,451	146	178	390	4,895	188
July ...	26	77	97	211	706	263	193	66	97	2,483	142	162	657	5,154	198
August ...	26	91	145	235	671	283	100	101	157	2,399	161	108	701	5,152	198
September	26	97	90	211	712	217	88	85	135	2,293	136	175	704	4,943	190
October ...	26	105	117	331	818	238	102	77	344	2,794	167	241	924	6,258	240
November	26	101	185	275	884	200	91	55	238	2,590	166	163	627	5,575	214
December	25	110	100	215	927	297	100	69	327	2,934	221	154	716	6,170	246
1899.															
January ...	20	86	52	151	700	133	72	97	184	1,858	113	57	500	4,003	200
February	24	72	63	299	755	195	77	134	280	2,386	165	122	618	5,166	215
March ...	26	93	129	284	861	225	77	144	184	2,378	151	163	561	5,250	201
Totals ...	300	1,148	1,228	2,849	9,295	2,882	1,353	1,074	2,405	29,588	1,879	1,816	7,384	62,901	209

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-two published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,807	..	..	..	125,050	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,706	3,853	..	..	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	..	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,851	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	..	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	..	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,103	20,963	27,005	4,723	..	..	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,039	20,012	4,150	..	..	..	170,501	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	..	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	..	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	..	..	160,823	56
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,302	..	..	..	147,001	51
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,730	71
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 I.D. 116 R.D. 810
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,880	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,009	12,077	49,151	393	..	..	112,305	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,097	15,095	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,410	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,590	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,057	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	190,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 I.D. 216 R.D. 1040 I.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 I.D. 209 R.D.
Totals.		24,949	71,930	168,211	13,742	72,235	40,573	1,405,770	39,040	210,828	632,967	766,218	70,220	561	1,017	1,081,688	4,068,055	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	†699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187

* For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

† 300 Volumes transferred to other Classes.

TABLE XI.

Return of Monthly Issues in the Branch Libraries, from April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899.

BRANCH.	April (1898)	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan. (1899)	February	March	TOTALS
Cattedown	42	39	41	69	44	43	55	47	67	52	59	61	619
Oxford St.	379	310	294	363	259	266	353	280	328	276	284	308	3,700
Laira ...	454	497	460	528	388	543	868	731	895	722	786	873	7,745
Compton ...	192	143	136	143	117	163	98	96	122	107	119	94	1,530
Mount St. ...	380	351	289	386	279	234	282	224	223	183	203	173	3,207
	1,447	1,340	1,220	1,489	1,087	1,249	1,656	1,378	1,635	1,340	1,451	1,509	16,801

Attendance in Evening Reading Rooms, from April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899.

BRANCH.	April (1898)	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan. (1899)	February	March	TOTALS
Cattedown	2,703	2,309	1,699	2,354	1,814	2,004	2,478	2,103	2,356	1,497	1,975	1,665	25,257
Oxford St. ...	1,254	1,113	1,035	1,346	1,079	1,132	1,452	1,080	1,239	1,124	1,131	1,088	14,073
Laira ...	817	960	862	1,022	745	1,021	1,389	1,025	1,182	992	991	1,034	12,040
Compton ...	845	738	683	900	736	1,005	895	895	904	774	761	744	9,880
Mount St. ...	1,100	879	790	942	719	706	772	714	768	622	675	730	9,417
	6,719	5,999	5,069	6,564	5,093	5,868	6,986	5,817	6,449	5,009	5,533	5,561	70,667

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of the School Libraries and Branches Supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,, ...	Girls	100
,, ,, ...	Mixed	100
Compton National	Mixed	200
King Street	Boys	200
Laira	Boys	100
,, ...	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,, ...	Girls	120
North Road	Girls	400
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Public School, Cobourg Street	.. ..	300
Regent Street	Higher Grade	500
St. Peter's	Boys	125
,, ...	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
Cattedown Road Branch Evening Reading Room	.. .. ..	240
Laira ,, ,,	,, ...	327
Compton . ,, ,,	,, ...	250
Oxford Street ,, ,,	,, ...	341
Mount Street ,, ,,	,, ...	247
Police Library ,, ,,	,, ...	150
		5,450

N.B.—Books are also issued, by special arrangement, to the men employed at the Breakwater and Eddystone Lighthouses.

TABLE XIII.

PATENTS DEPARTMENT.

Particulars of Stock in trust for the Commissioners of Patents, and for the use of the public, up to the end of 1898.

Under the Old Law. Separate Specifications.

Specifications of Patents, with Drawings, &c., from 1617 to 1852 14,358

Under the New Law.*

Specifications of Patents for

1852 ..	1,200	1865 ..	3,386
1853 ..	3,000	1866 ..	3,389
1854 ..	2,800	1867 ..	3,700
1855 ..	2,958	1868 ..	3,991
1856 ..	3,100	1869 ..	3,700
1857 ..	3,200	1870 ..	3,405
1858 ..	3,007	1871 ..	3,529
1859 ..	3,000	1872 ..	3,900
1860 ..	3,196	1873 ..	4,300
1861 ..	3,276	1874 ..	4,500
1862 ..	3,490	1875 ..	4,600
1863 ..	3,309		
1864 ..	3,260		81,206

* *The above are in separate pamphlets as published, and are arranged in convenient bundles in chronological order.*

Specifications for

1876* ..	5,100	1890 ..	21,300
1877* ..	4,949	1891 ..	22,805
1878* ..	5,343	1892 ..	24,166
1879* ..	5,338	1893 ..	25,100
1880* ..	5,517	1894 ..	25,370
1881* ..	5,751	1895 ..	25,050
1882* ..	6,241	1896 ..	30,163
1883* ..	5,993	1897 ..	30,927
1884* ..	17,110	1898 ..	27,605
1885* ..	16,109	Brought over ..	81,206
1886 ..	16,934		
1887 ..	17,950		
1888 ..	19,069		466,018
1889 ..	20,922		

* *In 611 Volumes.*

Abridgments	525
Patents Journal	521
American Patent Office Reports ..	38
Indexes (British)	189
Indexes (Foreign)	10
Publications on Patents Laws ..	45

Donors to the Library,

1898-99.

Agent-General for British Columbia
Agent-General for Canada
Agent-General for New South Wales
Agent-General for Ontario
Agent-General for Queensland
Agent-General for Tasmania
Agent-General for Victoria
Agent-General for W. Australia
American Library Association
Appleyard, S.
Architects' Benevolent Society
Argall, A. E., Truro

Bartlett, W., Liverpool
Bellamy, J. A., Plymouth
Board of Trade (Labour Department)
Board of Trade (Marine Department)
Boscawen, John R. de C., Truro
British Museum, Trustees of
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Brushfield, T. N., Budleigh-Salterton
Byfield, T. W., Plymouth

Carnegie, A., Edinburgh
Chambers & Co., London
Champness & Co.
Cobden Club
Coe, C. Clement
Colenso, Rev. W., Wellington, N.Z.
Collingwood Bros., London
Cooper, Capt. J. C., Stonehouse
Crisp, F. A.
Crosby & Lockwood, Messrs.
Cust, R. N.

Davey, G. G., Borough Treasurer, Plymouth
Dougal, F. H.
Dublin University College, Delegates of
Durham University College, Delegates of
Dymond, Mr.

Ford Bros., Messrs.
Foster, T., Ashton-under-Lyne
Fryer, Dr. A. C., Clifton, Bristol

Goddard, Miss F., Plymouth
Gould, Rev. S. Baring-
Gray, J. C.
Green, S. S., Worcester, Mass.
Greenwood, W. N., Lancaster

Hayden, J. J., Dublin
Hodgson, T. V., Plymouth

Karkaria, R. P.
Karkeek, P., Torquay
Keig, W., London
Keys, J. H., Plymouth

Lach-Szyrma, Rev. W. S.
Latimer, the late Isaac, Plymouth
Law, Commander, R.N.
Le Creps, A.
Lemann, F. C., Plymouth
London Directory Company
London University College, Delegates of

Library Reports and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

Aberdeen
Aguilar, New York
Ashton-under-Lyne
Aston Manor
Atkinson
Barrow-in-Furness
Battersea
Belfast
Birkenhead
Birmingham
Bishopsgate Foundation

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*continued.*

Blackburn
Blackpool
Bolton
Bootle
Boston
Bournemouth
Bradford
Brentford
Brighton
Bristol
British Museum
Bromley
Brookline, Mass., U.S.A.
Cambridge
Cardiff
Carlisle
Carnegie, Ayr
Chelsea
Cheltenham
Chiswick
Clapham
Clitheroe
Cork
Cripplegate Foundation
Croydon
Derby
Dewsbury
Doncaster
Dukinfield
Dundee
Ealing
Enoch Pratt, Baltimore, U.S.A.
Falmouth
Fletcher Library, Vermont
Folkestone
Fulham
Gosport and Alverstoke
Great Yarmouth
Hamilton, Canada
Hammersmith
Hanley
Harlesden
Holborn, London
Hove
Hyde
Jersey City, U.S.A.
Kidderminster
Kingston-upon-Hull
Kingston-upon-Thames
Leamington
Leeds
Leek
Leicester
Leyton
Lincoln
Liverpool
Longton
Loughborough
Maimonides, New York, U.S.A.
Manchester
Middlesborough
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Newark-on-Trent
Newberry
Newport
New South Wales
Norwich
Nottingham
Penarth
Peoria, Ill., U.S.A.
Philadelphia, U.S.A.
Portsmouth
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Preston
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Reading
Reynolds' Library, Rochester, N.Y.
Richmond
Rochdale
Rotherhithe
Runcorn
St. George, Hanover Square, London
St. Giles, London
St. Helens
St. Louis, U.S.A.
St. Mary, Newington, London
St. Saviour's, Southwark, London
Salem, Mass.
Salford
Sheffield
Shoreditch
Smethwick
South Australia
South Shields
Southampton
Stafford
Stirlings and Glasgow
Stoke Newington
Streatham
Sydney, New South Wales
Tokyo, Japan
Toronto, Canada
Twickenham
Walthamstow
Watford
Warrington
West Bromwich
West Ham
Widnes
Wilkes Barre, U.S.A.
Willesden
Wimbledon
Wolverhampton
Worcester
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.
York

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*continued.*

Marine Biological Association
Methuen & Co., London

National Footpath Preservation Society
Newman, H. S.

Pearse, Dr. W. H., Plymouth
Penzance Natural History Society
Plymouth Institution
Plymouth School Board
Plymouth Technical Schools
Prince, C. L.

Registrar-General of Seamen, London
Registrar of Patents, London
Rendle, Dr. E. M. Russel, Plymouth
Ripley, M. A., Plymouth
Risk, Rev. J. Erskine
Royal Institution of British Architects
Royal Colonial Institute
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society

Sarjant, T. A., Buxton
Sell, H., London
Shelley, W. J., Plymouth
Shelly, J., Plymouth
Smith, W. G., Plymouth
Smithsonian Institution
Sowerby, J. D., Chief Constable, Plymouth
Spiers, J., London
"Stimmo," Richmond, Surrey
Sutherland, G.

Tanaka, I., Tokyo, Japan
Tapper, T. W. E.
Thompson, R. G., Perth
Toll, Mrs. A., Plymouth
Trinity College, London, Delegates of

Weekes, S., Plymouth
Weekes, Phillips & Co., Plymouth
Williams, F. M., Medical Officer of Health, Plymouth
Wood & Tozer, Devonport
Woodhouse, H. B. S., Plymouth
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth

Also the Managers of the following Railways of Great Britain, and other Companies:—

ENGLISH RAILWAYS.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publisher and others.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*Anglo-Russian	M
Animal World	M
Antiquary	M
Architect	W
Architectural Review	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Amateur	M
Art Journal	M
Artist	M
*Aspirant	W
Athenæum	W
Autocar	W
Badminton	M
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
Belgravia	M
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Bimetallist	M
*Birmingham Daily Argus	D
Black and White	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
Blackpool Times	W
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W and M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Builders' Reporter	M
Building News	W
Building World	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
Chapman's Magazine	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
Chums	W
*Church Bells and Illus. Church News	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church News	W
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Civil Service Monthly	M
*Clarion	W
Classical Review	M
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
Colonial Circulars	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
Cornish Magazine	M
Cornish Post	W
*Cornish Telegraph	W
*Country Sport	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Press	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Drapers' Record	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
Education	W
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
*Emmanuel Parish Magazine	M
Engineer	W
English Churchman	W
English Historical Review	Q
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Family Friend	M
*Farm, Field, and Fireside	W
Figaro (London)	W
Fireside News	W
Fishing Gazette	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W
*Free Russia	M
Freeman's Journal	D
Freeman's Weekly	W
Fun	W
Gardeners' Magazine	W
Gentleman's Magazine	M
Gentlewoman	W
Girls' Own Paper	W and M
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
Happy Home	W
Harper's Magazine	M
*Health News	W
Hearth and Home	W
Herald of the Golden Age	M
*Home	M
Idler	M
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
Independent Echo (2 copies)	W
Inquirer	W
*Inventors' Review	M
*Insurance Agent	M
Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	M
Judy	W
Justice	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
*Labour News	W
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberator	M
*Liberty Review	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
London Society	M
Longman's Magazine	M
Ludgate Monthly	M
Machinery Market	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Art	M
Mariner	M
*Mark Lane Express	W
*Mechanical World	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy and Army	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List (Lean's)	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*New Ireland	W
*Newquay Guardian	W
Newquay Visitors' Notes and Directory	
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work (2 copies)	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
Peace and Goodwill	Q
Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printer and Bookmaker	M
*Printers' Register	M
*Protestant Alliance	M
*Public Health	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Reynolds's Newspaper	W
*Rhondda Post	W
Richmond and Twickenham Times	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*Rural World	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M
St. James's Budget	W
St. James's Gazette	D
St. Paul's	W
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
Shipping World	W
Sketch	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
Star	D
*State Correspondent	M
*Stationery World	M
*Stock and Share News	W
Strand Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
*Sunday Closing Reporter	M
Sunday Magazine	M
Syren	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
Do. (weekly edition)	W
*Tiverton Gazette	W
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
Union Line Gazette	M
*Unity	M
*University Correspondent	W and M
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
Weekly Dispatch	W
Weekly Sun	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press	D
Western Evening Herald (2 copies)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
*Western Independent (2 copies)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine	M
Woman at Home	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
Young England	M
Young Man	M
Young Woman	M
Zoophilist	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Clasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Oxford Street Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Naval and Military Record	W
British Workman	M	People	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Punch	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Quiver	M
Chums	W	Standard	D
Church in the West	W	Sunday at Home	M
Daily Chronicle	D	*Tool and Machinery Register	M
Daily Graphic	D	Weekly Sun	W
Daily News	D	Western Daily Mercury	D
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Evening Herald	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Figaro	W
Good Words	M	Western Independent	W
Graphic	W	Western Morning News	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Independent Echo	W	Western Weekly News	W
Invention	W	Westminster Budget	W
Inventors' Review	M	Woman at Home	W
Leisure Hour	M	Work	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Cattedown - Road Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Leisure Hour	M
British Workman	M	Naval and Military Record	W
*Canadian Gazette	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Punch	W
Century Magazine	M	Review of Reviews	M
Chambers's Journal	M	Shipping Gazette	D
Chums	W	Standard	D
Daily Graphic	D	Strand Magazine	M
Daily News	D	Sunday at Home	M
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Daily Mercury	D
Fun	W	Western Evening Herald	D
Good Words	M	Western Figaro	W
Graphic	W	Western Independent	W
Hearth and Home	W	Western Morning News	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Independent Echo	W	Western Weekly News	W
Labour News	W		

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Laira Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Pall Mall Magazine	M
Black and White	W	Pearson's Weekly	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	People	W
Chums	W	Public Opinion	W
Church in the West	W	Punch	W
Daily Graphic	D	Quiver	M
Daily News	D	Standard	D
Daily Telegraph	D	Strand Magazine	M
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Sunday at Home	M
Fun	W	Western Daily Mercury	D
Good Words	M	Western Evening Herald	D
Graphic	W	Western Figaro	W
Hearth and Home	W	Western Independent	W
Illustrated London News	W	Western Morning News	D
Independent Echo	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Leisure Hour	M	Western Weekly News	W
Ludgate Monthly	M	Westminster Budget	W
Madame	W	Woman at Home	M
Naval and Military Record	W		

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

COUNTY-BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Third Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900).

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 14th, 1900.

1899-1900.

Plymouth:
W. F. WESTCOTT & Co. Ltd., PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS.

1900.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.
1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).
1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).
1884 Re-opening Library after extension of the building (November).
1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom (September).
1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).
1888 Establishment of School Libraries.
1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February).
1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897.)
1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).
1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).
1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899.)
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).
1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899.)
1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).
1899 Electric Light installed (October).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1900	101,872
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1900	£439,420
Income of the Library from the 1d. Rate, 1876	£670
,, ,, 1900	£1,807
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1900	46,190
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1899-1900 ..	290,335
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to end of March, 1900	5,015,226
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1899-1900	2,387
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ..	62,155

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1899-1900.

Elected November 9th, 1899.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMAN JOHN PETHICK, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman and Hon. Treasurer:

ALDERMAN JOHN SHELLY.

COUNCILLOR S. SCOBLE

COUNCILLOR W. J. STANBURY

COUNCILLOR JOHN TAYLOR

COUNCILLOR R. C. UGLOW

COUNCILLOR J. Y. WOOLLCOMBE

REV. PREB. T. H. HOWARD, M.A.

REV. PROF. F. E. ANTHONY, M.A., J.P.

MR. WALTER LETHBRIDGE, J.P.

MR. JOHN H. RADFORD

MR. W. WILLOUGHBY

MR. R. RUGG MONK

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R.HIST.SOC., F.L.A.

Assistant Librarian: W. J. BENNETTS.

Assistant, Reference Library: R. E. WELLINGTON.

Senior Assistant: T. BURROW.

Junior Assistant: T. ANNEAR.

News-Rooms Attendant: F. DURHAM.

Magazine-Room Attendant: A. S. JOSLIN.

Caretakers: ISAAC GOULD, E. BURLEY.

General Arrangements at the Central Library and Branches.

CENTRAL LIBRARY—

General News-Room, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week-day.

Magazine and Ladies' Room, 10 a.m. to 9-30 p.m. every week-day.

Reference Library, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week-day (Wednesdays during Summer, close at 2 p.m.).

Lending Library, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Patents Library, same as Reference Library.

EVENING BRANCHES—Open 6-30 to 9-30 p.m.

(Small Lending Libraries are attached to each of the Branches.)

Cattedown-Road Board School, St. John's Road.
Attendance Officer: C. J. FOWLER.

Oxford-Street Board School, King Gardens.
Attendance Officer: THOMAS POTTER.

Laira Board School.
Attendance Officer: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Police Headquarters, Catherine Street. *Police only.*

Small Lending Libraries are also attached to all the Board Schools; also to the Public School, Cobourg Street, St. Peter's National School, and Compton National School.

(See page 21 for complete list.)

Report of Deputy-Chairman.

THE Committee have to deplore the death of their late Deputy-Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. GEORGE R. BARRETT, who had taken an active part in the work of the Library for some years, and displayed his interest by bequeathing to it two fine prints of the Battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo.

The issue of books has been rather less than last year. The Committee have carried out the proposal mentioned in their last Report to close some of the branches, and by this means and by a close watchfulness have lessened their expenses and reduced by £100 the debt due to the Bank.

The electric light has been found of great advantage, but the expense has proved greater than was anticipated.

The ordinary work of the Library has been steadily carried on under the able supervision of the Librarian.

JOHN SHELLY,

Deputy Chairman.

May 10th, 1900.

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement for the Year ending 31st March, 1900.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
To Cash Balances per last Report				37	19	8
To Corporation (per Borough Treasurer)—						
May 28th, 1899	433	5	0			
Oct. 30th, 1899	433	5	0			
Jan. 1st, 1900	433	5	0			
Mar. 24th, 1900	433	5	0			
				1733	0	0
To Corporation—Special Loan				170	7	6
To Library Receipts :—						
Fines received from Borrowers ..	28	19	4			
Sale of Borrowers' Vouchers ..	9	14	3			
Sale of Catalogues	2	13	6			
Sale of Old Newspapers	2	10	8			
Post-Cards for Bespoke Books ..	1	3	11			
Subscriptions (non-residents) ..	1	15	0			
Sale of Rules	0	8	2			
Damaged and Lost Books replaced	0	18	0			
				48	2	10
Balance due to Bank	248	1	0			
Cheques not presented	194	4	9			
				442	5	9
				£2431	15	9

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
Balance due to Bank, per last Report				542	4	5
By Electric Light Fittings				163	8	6
Furniture, Fittings, and Repairs ..	88	6	10			
Architect's Fees	50	0	0			
				138	6	10
Repayment of Loan—4th Instalment				150	0	0
Interest on Loan, to Corporation				42	4	4
Rent on Building, to Corporation				35	0	0
Printing and Stationery				29	3	6
Annual Report and Catalogues				12	1	10
Insurance				5	15	0
Lighting and Heating				93	19	3
Uniforms for Attendants				8	2	6
Salary of Librarian				230	0	0
Wages and Attendance, Central ..	389	8	0			
,, ,, Branches ..	125	0	0			
				514	8	0
New Books and Replacements				123	0	10
Binding				67	3	0
Magazines				38	11	5
Newspapers				153	15	1
Postages, Notices to Borrowers, &c.				9	1	0
Rail Charges, Porterage, &c.				15	2	10
Cleaning and Sundries				9	8	8
Bank Cheques				0	8	0
Bank Charges				35	10	6
Cash Balance				14	10	6
				£2431	15	9

(*Signed*) JOHN SHELLY, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

Audited, May 1st, 1900.

(*Signed*) G. HICKS
THOS. J. PAWLEY } *Elective Auditors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Plymouth, and the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting you with my twenty-third Annual Report, in which you will find all particulars of the working of the institution from the 1st April, 1899, to the last day of March, 1900.

The municipal year just closed has been to a certain extent uneventful, and there is nothing very important to record, except the installation of the electric light, and the lamented death of Mr. Geo. R. Barrett, who for several years had held the position of Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman. Reference is made to these matters later on.

Permit me now briefly to refer to the various Tables which constitute the bulk of my Report and enable you to see at a glance the work of the Library in all its branches.

Table I. is a record of additions made to the Library during the year now under review. From this it appears that the number of volumes added was 919, while the present stock of the Library amounts to 46,197; of these about 20,000 are in the Reference Department, the remainder being in the Lending

Library and Branches. It will be noticed that Class II (Miscellaneous Works) has been reduced, these works having been absorbed in some of the other Classes. In the same way the Branch Libraries have been reduced, the books in the Branches recently closed having gone back to the general stock.

According to Table II. it will be found that 2,387 tickets had been issued as against 2,652 in the previous twelve months.

Tables III., IV., V., give the usual information as to the number of tickets withdrawn from various causes, the ages of borrowers enrolled, and the residential distribution of borrowers. It will be noticed that the Laira district has the largest proportion of borrowers.

Table VI. shows the classification of borrowers as regards their occupations, but these figures call for no particular comment.

The next Table (No. VII.) is by far the most important of all, as it is a record of the whole of the work done in our Lending Library and Branches (including the Schools) during twelve months. The total issues are somewhat less than in the preceding year, the daily average being 994 as against 1074 shown in the previous Report. The diminution extends throughout nearly all the classes, although in one or two there is a slight increase. I attribute the decrease in the issues partly to the fact that for some months (owing to the necessary retrenchment) very few new books have been added, and partly to the interest in the South African War, which has caused the people to rely more for their reading matter on the newspapers and periodicals.

In the Reference Library Return (Table VIII.) there is also a slight decrease, although, under all circumstances, the return seems fairly satisfactory.

Table IX. is interesting, as it records the steady progress of Library work from 1876 up to the present time, a period of twenty-four years. I need only point to the grand total, showing the aggregate issues in all departments for the whole period to have exceeded five millions.

Table X. is to some extent an amplification of Table I., but

it is a singular fact that in no previous year were so few books added to the Library as during the year 1899-1900.

Tables XI., XII., deal only with our Branches. Two of these Evening Reading-Rooms were closed in May last, consequently their record is small. I am pleased to be able to point out that the Laira Branch is especially successful and popular, and that the issue of books is exceedingly large. Cattedown-Road is still below the others, has in fact fallen off considerably, but I hope the present attendant will soon awaken a renewed interest in this Reading-Room, it being in the centre of a large population.

For some time past the frequenters of our Evening Branch at Cattedown-Road have been exceedingly annoyed by a gang of roughs, who, from time to time, have entered the reading-room and made themselves more or less objectionable. These proceedings culminated a few weeks ago in an assault upon our Attendant, who was knocked down and otherwise maltreated. By my authority a summons was taken out against the miscreant, whose name was known, but on the case coming on at the Police-Court the defendant did not appear, and a warrant was accordingly issued for his apprehension. It subsequently transpired that he had been arrested at Plympton for other offences, and was undergoing a term of imprisonment at Exeter. I mention this here because I find that some of the gang are, in spite of the warning, giving trouble to the Attendant at the same place, and I am asking the assistance of the police to put a stop to such annoyances.

We are still sending out a large number of books to the Board and other elementary Schools throughout the town, and these are highly appreciated by the teachers and children. I lately reported to you on the losses of books in connection with this branch of our work, but these are slight considering the large circulation and other circumstances.

No additional School Libraries have been supplied, but an application is now before you to grant the use of a lot of higher class books to the Higher Grade School, where it is intended to

form a Teachers' Library; also an increase in the number of books in the Juvenile Library at the same school. The same conditions as last year apply to the various Reading Rooms at the Central Library.

No further progress has been made with the publication of Class Catalogues, but I have made preparation for them, whenever it shall please you to order them to be printed. I would suggest that Class F (which includes Poetry, the Drama, the Classics, and Belles-lettres), be proceeded with, together with Supplements to the Classes which have already been printed.

During the past year, at the suggestion of a Colonial reader, I have made application to the proprietors of some of the most important Australasian newspapers for free copies, believing that there were many people in Plymouth who would be interested therein. The response to my application has been most satisfactory, the following daily and weekly papers being now sent to us regularly free of cost:—*Leader* (Melbourne), *Age* (Melbourne), *Tasmanian Mail* (Hobart), *Town and Country* (Sydney, N.S.W.), *Queenslander*, *British Australasian*, *Auckland Star* (New Zealand), *Western Mail* (Perth, West Australia).

Seeing the crowded state of the Magazine Room, particularly in the evening, I have removed some of the more literary periodicals, such as the Quarterlies and Art journals, and placed them in a temporary rack in the Reference Library. This arrangement will, I feel sure, conduce to the comfort of the readers, who will thus be enabled to study the best current periodicals in comparative quiet; and to the better appreciation of the Reference Library Reading Room.

In my last report I referred to the long and severe illness of Mr. G. R. Barrett. His death took place on August 24th, 1899, and some members of the Committee attended a funeral service held at the Unitarian Church, Treville Street, on August 28th. A vote of sympathy with the widow and family was passed by the Committee at a meeting held prior to the funeral service.

At the request of the late Mr. Barrett, two pictures have been

presented to the Library as a memorial to him. They have been placed in the Reference Library, and are respectively "Waterloo" and "Trafalgar," a fine pair of engravings handsomely framed.

In September last I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Manchester. The attendance was larger than usual, and great local interest was taken in the matter. The meetings were held in the Town Hall, the Lord Mayor taking a prominent part in the proceedings. The Association met at Manchester twenty years previously. I am glad to say that I have attended every meeting of the Association from 1877 up to date. The next meeting is to be held at Bristol, and I look forward to receiving my colleagues at Plymouth in 1901, the last meeting in this district having been held in 1885.

On October 6th I attended the opening of the John Rylands Library in Manchester. This magnificent library has been erected and equipped at the cost of Mrs. Rylands as a memorial to her late husband. It is estimated that the cost will be little less than a quarter of a million sterling.

I was also present, by invitation, at the opening of the Technical Schools at Truro on October 24th last; these Schools forming an addition to the Free Library opened by Mr. Passmore Edwards a few years ago, the whole being a gift by him to his native county.

I cannot speak too highly of the improvement in the atmospheric conditions and ventilation of the building since the installation of the electric light in September last. The light is all that can be desired, and the change is much appreciated by those who use the institution.

The closing of two of our Evening Reading-Rooms, one at Compton and the other at Mount Street, was decided upon somewhat reluctantly, in order to relieve the funds at the disposal of the Committee, which were somewhat strained. We have thus been able to effect a saving on the year's working, and also to pay off some portion of the overdraft at the bank.

One change only has taken place in the regular staff at the Central Library during the past year, the services of W. J. Hawke having been dispensed with owing to his serious and long-continued irregularities. His place is now filled by T. Burrow, who has recently completed his apprenticeship.

The demand for Books for the Blind has fallen off almost entirely, chiefly in consequence of the want of new books in the Braille type. There was not a large demand for these books at any time, the number of blind persons taking advantage of our Library being so few as scarcely to warrant any additional outlay in this direction.

At the commencement of the Boer War, I found that there was a considerable demand for books on South Africa and the Transvaal; I accordingly compiled a list of the best recent books dealing with the subject, which was laid before the Book Selection Committee, and a number of the books were ordered. They are now very much in demand. I propose to give a special list of these and other books bearing upon the scene of the present War in the Appendix to this Report; and copies of this list will then be available for our borrowers.

Permit me, in conclusion, to thank you for the continuance of your confidence, and to assure you that, after a service extending to nearly a quarter of a century, I am as anxious as ever to promote the prosperity and extend the popularity of the Municipal Library of my native town.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. K. WRIGHT,

Plymouth, April 27th, 1900. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes. 1899.	1900.	Increase in 1900.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy..	985	1024	39
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	2361	2438	77
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	3336	3464	128
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ..	745	758	13
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History..	1624	1660	36
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ..	1316	1458	142
G	Prose Fiction	6110	6154	44
H	Miscellaneous Works	699	*365	
I	Magazines and Reviews ..	2970	3006	36
M	Music	81	108	27
R	Books for the Blind	270	281	11
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries ..	4652	5128	476
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	11461	11799	338
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ..	8282	8373	91
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ..	386	*181	
				1458
	Deduct, transferred to other classes ..			539
	TOTALS ..	45278	46197	919

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-two published Reports ..	59,768
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,387
	62,155

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	67
,, deceased	1
,, withdrawn	17
Want of time for reading	6
Guarantor withdrawn	5
Cancelled (unclaimed)	58
	154

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1900.

Under 15 years		231
From 15 to 20 years		477
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...		322
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...		206
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...		230
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...		102
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...		50
,, 60 upwards		55
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	440	
,, Non-Burgesses	274	
		714
		2,387

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	12	41	53
St. Andrew's Ward	21	105	126
Hoe Ward	34	176	210
Millbay Ward	10	63	73
St. Peter's Ward	16	70	86
Frankfort Ward	10	119	129
Drake's Ward	26	124	150
Charles Ward	27	160	187
Greenbank Ward	37	128	165
Mutley Ward	53	171	224
Compton Ward	30	70	100
Laira Ward	55	198	253
Friary Ward	13	125	138
Sutton Ward	10	72	82
Non-Residents	0	19	19
Borrowers at Cattedown Road	8	47	55
,, Oxford Street	2	25	27
,, Laira	70	224	294
,, Compton .. †	6	4	10
,, Mount Street †	0	6	6
	440	1,947	2,387

† Closed early in the year.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1899-1900.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	179
Actor	1
Agents and Managers	38
Apprentices	40
Architects	10
Artists	6
Assistants, Shop	42
Bakers and Confectioners	9
Bank Clerks	6
Basket and Brush Maker	1
Billiard Marker	1
Booksellers and Stationers	3
Boot and Shoe Makers	11
Brass and Wire Worker	1
Brokers and Furniture Dealers	2
Builders and Contractors	10
Butchers, &c.	8
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	45
Caretakers	4
Carver and Turner	1
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	17
Civil Service Officials	4
Clergy and Ministers	10
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	2
Commercial Travellers	21
Cooper	1
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	7
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	4
Dealers	5
Dentists	8
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	30
Draughtsmen	3
Dyers	3
Electricians	7
Engineers and Engine Fitters	32
Engravers and Lithographers	4
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	36
Foremen	10
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	35
Grocers and Tea Dealers	14
Hair Dressers	10
Hatters	3
Housekeepers	17
Innkeepers	7
Inspectors	8
Ironmongers	6
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	9
Labourers and Porters	27
Lawyers, &c.	7
Lighthouse Keepers	4
Lodging-house Keepers	6
Machinists	12
Mariners	3
Married Women (so specified)	61
Masons and Plasterers	12
Medical Men	5
Merchants and Manufacturers	10
Miller	1
Milliners and Dressmakers	22
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	10
Nurses	9
Officers, Army and Navy	37
Optician	1
Packers	4
Painters and Decorators	16
Pawnbroker	1
Pensioners	18
Photographers	10
Pianoforte Makers	2
Platelayer	1
Plumbers and Gasfitters	8
Police Officers	2
Post Office Employees	16
Printers and Compositors	20
Railway Officials	15
Rate Collectors	2
Saddlers	2
Salesmen	4
Sawyers	3
School Children and Students	180
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	123
Sculptors	2
Seedsmen	4
Shipwrights	5
Shopkeepers	8
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	9
Spinsters (so specified)	16
Superintendents	7
Surveyors	4
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	33
Tobacconists	9
Upholsterers	2
Warehousemen	4
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	8
Wheelwrights	2
Widows (so specified)	9
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	868
Total	2,387

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1899.																	
April ...	24	106	355	571	54	391	135	5,584	23	535	674	323	44	29	20,884	29,708	1,237
May ...	26	88	359	626	29	340	148	5,389	28	547	698	337	55	18	16,833	25,495	980
June ...	26	59	271	447	17	228	89	4,318	21	405	538	247	39	14	16,690	23,383	899
July ...	19	59	227	392	24	214	87	3,747	19	313	333	169	22	7	1,498	7,111	374
August ...	26	68	249	462	34	271	109	4,826	19	495	589	259	47	14	16,706	24,148	928
September	26	91	329	529	82	283	125	5,032	16	642	829	294	60	39	20,897	29,248	1,124
October ...	26	117	308	564	68	354	128	5,629	13	638	1,047	367	86	46	16,888	26,253	1,009
November	26	114	365	607	67	377	117	5,702	14	657	1,073	381	99	22	16,864	26,459	1,017
December	24	88	252	578	56	260	80	4,909	16	530	908	313	68	23	17,117	25,198	1,049
1900.																	
January ...	18	27	129	302	16	113	48	2,637	7	306	428	127	48	6	16,837	21,031	1,168
February	24	50	220	448	39	206	68	4,174	13	430	675	238	48	5	16,931	23,545	981
March ...	27	59	212	556	36	233	95	4,739	14	489	749	292	58	3	21,221	28,756	1,065
Totals ..	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	3,347	674	226	199,366	290,335	994

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works.	B—Biographical Works.	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works.	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics.	G—Fiction and General Literature.	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works.	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers.	J—General Topographical Works.	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments.	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1899.															
April ...	24	79	116	227	705	278	91	136	254	2,807	164	201	606	5,664	236
May ...	26	82	95	282	749	249	52	129	246	2,335	158	178	397	4,952	190
June ...	26	70	108	267	717	198	91	143	172	2,326	152	257	381	4,882	187
July ...	19	31	69	159	438	144	62	132	77	1,779	98	96	263	3,348	176
August ...	26	39	95	139	765	198	78	144	142	2,003	133	80	398	4,214	162
September	26	58	116	180	749	174	72	139	128	2,861	119	202	478	5,276	202
October ...	26	54	107	166	748	210	73	95	169	2,745	116	237	387	5,107	196
November	26	48	69	204	846	189	81	88	139	2,356	143	433	466	5,062	194
December	24	64	104	200	740	131	69	103	134	2,222	100	388	568	4,823	200
1900.															
January ...	18	39	66	86	646	120	39	43	104	1,398	68	156	274	3,039	168
February	24	60	73	125	735	186	75	54	133	2,216	124	282	405	4,468	186
March ...	27	87	70	145	1,019	188	108	119	186	2,190	117	281	591	5,101	188
Totals ...	292	711	1,088	2,180	8,857	2,265	891	1,325	1,884	27,238	1,492	2,791	5,214	55,936	191

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-three published Reports.

Year.	Days Open	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	..	..	..	125,059	347
1878 ..	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	..	..	..	123,496	427
1879 ..	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	..	..	..	118,805	458
1880 ..	297	1,851	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	..	..	..	171,851	578
1881 ..	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	..	..	..	162,048	566
1882 ..	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	..	..	182,321	630
1883 ..	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	..	..	179,506	612
1884 ..	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	..	..	..	164,568	594
1885 ..	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	..	..	..	158,604	556
1886 ..	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	..	..	..	160,823	564
1887 ..	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	..	..	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	..	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	..	..	..	138,177	670 L.D. 116 R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	..	..	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	..	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	..	..	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	58,366	1,811	..	..	144,667	292,509	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	..	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915 L.D. 216 R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	..	459	184,319	377,552	1040 L.D. 221 R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074 L.D. 209 R.D.
1899-1900	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994 L.D. 191 R.D.
Totals.		25,875	75,206	174,293	14,264	75,505	41,802	1,522,456	39,243	216,815	641,508	822,154	82,573	1,235	1,243	1,281,054	5,015,226	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	..	..	..	7,908	
1878....	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	..	9,906	1,998
1879....	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	..	..	11,261	1,355
1880....	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	..	..	..	12,721	1,460
1881....	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	..	..	..	14,009	1,288
1882....	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	..	15,519	1,510
1883....	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	..	..	..	17,042	1,523
1884....	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	..	..	..	19,506	2,464
1885....	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	..	..	..	20,908	1,402
1886....	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	..	..	..	22,972	2,064
1887....	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	..	..	..	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	..	..	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	..	..	..	28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	..	..	..	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	..	..	..	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	..	..	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	..	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	..	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	..	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	..	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	..	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-1900	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	†365	3,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919

* For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

† 634 Volumes transferred to other Classes.

TABLE XI.

Return of Monthly Issues in the Branch Libraries, from April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

BRANCH.	April (1899)	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan. (1900)	February	March	TOTALS
Cattedown	40	42	54	89	71	52	64	71	106	64	59	87	799
Oxford St. ...	362	249	215	232	178	261	235	242	236	210	252	312	2,984
Laira ...	1,006	1,053	1,008	1,033	998	1,011	1,017	1,073	1,019	1,118	1,041	1,211	12,588
Compton* ...	139	20											159
Mount St.*	185	60											245
	1,732	1,424	1,277	1,354	1,247	1,324	1,316	1,386	1,361	1,392	1,352	1,610	16,775

Attendance in Evening Reading Rooms, from April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

BRANCH.	April (1899)	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan. (1900)	February	March	TOTALS
Cattedown	480	520	398	583	454	684	599	612	797	749	749	1,015	7,640
Oxford St. ...	1,259	991	936	1,126	898	1,259	1,074	1,054	1,279	1,128	1,118	1,377	13,499
Laira ...	1,261	1,240	1,097	1,295	848	1,271	1,093	1,090	1,252	1,035	1,168	1,398	14,048
Compton* ...	967	333											1,300
Mount St.*	747	277											1,024
	4,714	3,361	2,431	3,004	2,200	3,214	2,766	2,756	3,328	2,912	3,035	3,790	37,511

* Closed May 13th, 1899.

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of the School Libraries and Branches supplied from the Central Library :—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,, ...	Girls	100
,, ,, ...	Mixed	100
Compton National	Mixed	223
King Street	Boys	200
Laira	Boys	100
,, ...	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,, ...	Girls	120
North Road	Girls	400
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,, ...	Girls	137
Public School, Cobourg Street	.. ..	300
Regent Street	Higher Grade	500
St. Peter's	Boys	100
,, ...	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,, ...	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
Cattedown Road Branch Evening Reading Room	.. .. ..	289
Laira ,, ,, ,,	.. .. ..	465
Oxford Street ,, ,, ,,	.. .. ..	370
Police Library ,, ,, ,,	.. .. ..	150
		5,154

N.B.—Books are also issued, by special arrangement, to the men employed at the Breakwater and Eddystone Lighthouses.

TABLE XIII.

PATENTS DEPARTMENT.

Particulars of Stock in trust for the Commissioners of Patents, and for the use of the public, up to the end of 1899.

Under the Old Law.	Separate Specifications.
Specifications of Patents, with Drawings, &c., from 1617 to 1852	14,358

Under the New Law.*

Specifications of Patents for

1852 ..	1,200	1865 ..	3,389
1853 ..	3,000	1866 ..	3,386
1854 ..	2,800	1867 ..	3,700
1855 ..	2,958	1868 ..	3,991
1856 ..	3,100	1869 ..	3,700
1857 ..	3,200	1870 ..	3,405
1858 ..	3,007	1871 ..	3,529
1859 ..	3,000	1872 ..	3,900
1860 ..	3,196	1873 ..	4,300
1861 ..	3,276	1874 ..	4,500
1862 ..	3,490	1875 ..	4,600
1863 ..	3,309		
1864 ..	3,260		81,206

* *The above are in separate pamphlets as published, and are arranged in convenient bundles in chronological order.*

Specifications for

1876* ..	5,100	1890 ..	21,300
1877* ..	4,949	1891 ..	22,805
1878* ..	5,343	1892 ..	24,166
1879* ..	5,338	1893 ..	25,100
1880* ..	5,517	1894 ..	25,370
1881* ..	5,751	1895 ..	25,050
1882* ..	6,241	1896 ..	30,163
1883* ..	5,993	1897 ..	30,927
1884* ..	17,110	1898 ..	27,605
1885* ..	16,109	1899 ..	25,768
1886 ..	16,934	Brought over ..	81,206
1887 ..	17,950		
1888 ..	19,069		
1889 ..	20,922		491,786

* *In 611 Volumes.*

Abridgments	630
Patents Journal	573
American Patent Office Reports ..	38
Indexes (British)	190
Indexes (Foreign)	10
Publications on Patents Laws ..	45

Donors to the Library,

1899–1900.

Agent-General for Canada
Agent-General for Cape Colony
Agent-General for New South Wales
Agent-General for Ontario
Agent-General for Ottawa
Agent-General for Queensland
Agent-General for Tasmania
Agent-General for W. Australia
American Luxfer Prism Co., Chicago

Bennett & Co., Birmingham
Board of Trade (Labour Department)
Board of Trade (Marine Department)
Boger, Lieut., H. O., Plymouth
Bonwick, James, Southvale, Norwood
Boscawen, John R. de C., Truro
Boyle & Sons, R., London
Brown, M. W., Newcastle
Brushfield, T. N., Budleigh-Salterton
Burnard, Robert, Plymouth
Bush, Mr., Nottingham

Cobden Club
Coleridge, Hon. S.
Collier, Mrs., Horrabridge
Credland, W. R., Manchester
Cree, T. S., Glasgow
Cudmore, P., New York

Davey, G. G., Borough Treasurer, Plymouth
Dawbarn & Ward, Messrs.
Dawbeny, G. A., Chagford, Devon
Dearden, Rev. H. W.
Durham University College, Delegates of

Foskett, E., Camberwell, London
Foster-Barham, A. G.
Furnival, W. J., Staffordshire

Goddard, Miss F., Plymouth
Gray, J. C., Manchester
Greenberg & Co., London
Greenwood, W. N., Lancaster

Heard & Sons, Truro
Hertage, S. J.
Heywood, J., Manchester
Hodgson, T. V., Plymouth
Holinsworth, A. B. & C. B.
Howard, Mr., Plymouth
Hunt, Matthew

Jackson, G. F., Plymouth

Keeling, J. H., Sheffield
Keig, Walter, London
Keys, J. H., Plymouth

Lach-Szyrma, Rev. W. S.
Leaman, F., Plymouth
Leaman & Co., W., Plymouth
London Directory Company
London University College, Delegates of
Luke, Charles, Plymouth

Library Reports and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

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Aguilar, New York
Ashton-under-Lyne
Aston Manor
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow
Barrow-in-Furness
Battersea
Belfast
Birmingham
Blackburn
Blackpool
Bolton
Bootle
Boston
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Bradford
Brentford
Brighton
Bristol
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Buxton

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Cambridge
Cardiff
Carlisle
Carnegie, Ayr
Chelsea
Cheltenham
Chiswick
Clerkenwell
Clitheroe
Croydon
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Devonport
Dewsbury
Doncaster
Dukinfield
Ealing
Eastbourne
Falmouth
Folkestone
Great Yarmouth
Hammersmith
Hanley
Harlesden
Holborn, London
Hyde
Jersey City, U.S.A.
Kidderminster
Kilburn
Kingston-upon-Hull
Kingston-upon-Thames
Leamington
Leeds
Leicester
Leyton
Lincoln
Liverpool
Longton
Loughborough
Maimonides, New York, U.S.A.
Manchester
Middlesborough
Newark, N.J.
Newark-on-Trent
Newberry
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
New South Wales
New York Mechanic's Institute
Norwich
Nottingham
Penarth
Peoria, Ill., U.S.A.
Philadelphia, U.S.A.
Portsmouth
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Preston
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Redruth
Richmond
Rochdale
Rotherhithe
Runcorn
St. George, Hanover Square, London
St. Giles, London
St. Helens
St. Martin-in-the-Fields
St. Saviour's, Southwark, London
Salem, Mass.
Salford
Sheffield
Shoreditch
Smethwick
South Shields
Southampton
Southwark
Stafford
Stirlings and Glasgow
Stoke Newington
Streatham
Tokyo, Japan
Tottenham
Twickenham
Tynemouth
Watford
West Ham
Westminster
Whitechapel
Wigan
Wilkes Barre, U.S.A.
Willesden
Wimbledon
Wolverhampton
York

MacDonald, A.
Macdonald, W., Edinburgh
Macpherson, Mrs.
Marine Biological Association
Mather & Crowther, London
Mitchell & Co., C., London

Nicholson, H. M., Plymouth
N.S.P.C.C., Secretary of the

Peake, F., London
Pearse, Dr. W. H., Plymouth
Plymouth Mercantile Association
Plymouth School Board
Plymouth Technical Schools
Potter, C., London
Potter, G., London

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*continued.*

Registrar-General of Seamen, London
Registrar of Patents, London
Rice, R. G., London
Root, J. W., Liverpool
Royal Colonial Institute
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society
Royal Institution of British Architects
Ruskin Museum Committee, Sheffield

Secretary of State for India
Sell, H., London
Shelly, Alderman J., Plymouth
Smithsonian Institution
Stevens, R. T.
Stubbs & Co., London
Swansea Devonian Society

Theosophical Publishing Society, London
Thomas, Ralph, London
Thomas, R. H.
Topographical Publishing Co., Southampton
Trinity College, London
Trust, L. B.
Tucker, C., St. Albans, Herts

"Viator"

Waring, Messrs. H. J. & Co., Plymouth
Weekes, Phillips & Co., Plymouth
Williams, F. M., Medical Officer of Health, Plymouth
Wood & Tozer, Devonport
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth

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ENGLISH RAILWAYS.

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Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Special List of Books on South Africa and the Transvaal.

C433 Drayson (Col. A. W.): Sporting Scenes among the Kaffirs of South Africa (1858)

C457, C693 Livingstone (Dr. D.): Missionary Travels in South Africa (1857)

C727 Bisset (Major-General): Sport and War (1875)

C731, C911 Hamilton (C.): Sketches of Life and Sport in South-Eastern Africa (1870)

C761 Ward (H.): Cape and the Kaffirs (1851)

C770 Anderson (C. J.): Notes of Travel in South Africa (1875)

C804 Gardiner (Capt. A. F.): Narrative of a Journey to the Zoolu Country (1836)

C846 Lichtenstein (H.): Travels in Southern Africa, 1803-6 (1812)

C885 Vijn (C.): Cetshwayo's Dutchman (1880)

C1064 Gilmore (P.): Great Thirst Land

C1089 Barker (Lady): Year's Housekeeping in South Africa (1890)

C1099 Roche (H. A.): On Trek in the Transvaal (1878)

C1162 Moffat (R.): Scenes in Southern Africa (1846)

C1165 Boyle (F.): To the Cape for Diamonds (1873)

C1233 Lucas (T. J.): Camp-Life and Sport in South Africa (1878)

C1242 Lucas (T. J.): Zulus and the British Frontiers (1879)

C1248 Drayson (Col. A. W.): Among the Zulus

C1251 Froude (J. A.): Two Lectures on South Africa (1880)

C1303 Hutchinson (Mrs.): In Tents in the Transvaal (1879)

C1367 Statham (F. R.): Blacks, Boers, and British (1881)

C1443 Gilmore (P.): Land of the Boer

C1468 Dixie (F.): In the Land of Misfortune (South Africa) (1882)

C1712 Haggard (H. Rider): Cetywayo and his White Neighbours (1888)

C1796 Little (J. S.): South Africa: a Sketch-Book of Men, Manners, &c. (1887)

C1797 With the Cape Mounted Rifles (1881)

C1834 Glanville's Guide to South Africa (1890)

C1871 Theal (G. McCall): History of South Africa. 3 vols. (1888-9)

C1914 Anderson (A. A.). Twenty-five Years in a Waggon in the Gold Regions of Africa. 2 vols. (1887)

C1923 Sheldon (L. V.): Yankee Girls in Zululand (1889)

C1977 Young (Sir F.): Winter Tour in South Africa (1890)

C2108 Bent (J. T.): Ruined Cities of Mashonaland (1893)

C2133 Carnegie (Rev. D.): Among the Matabele (1894)

C2135 Theal (G. McCall): South Africa. ("Story of the Nations" Series, vol. 38) (1894)

C2195 Reunert (T.): Diamonds and Gold in South Africa (1893)

C2203 Nicholls (J.A.) and Eglington (W): The Sportsman in South Africa (1892)

C2205 Cumberland (S.): What I think of South Africa (1896)

C2258, C2259 Greswell (W.): Our South African Empire. 2 vols. (1885)

C2261 Tangye (H. L.): In New South Africa: Travels in the Transvaal and Rhodesia (1896)

C2309 Martin (A.): Home Life on an Ostrich Farm, Cape Colony (1890)

C2325 Knight-Bruce (G. W. H.): Memories of Mashonaland (1895)
C2359 Stanley (H. M.): Through South Africa (1898)
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C2413 Ingram (J. F.): Story of an African City (Maritzburg) (1898)
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C2446 Smith (Ronald): Great Gold-Lands of South Africa (1891)
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C2452 Noble (John): Illustrated Official Handbook of the Cape and South Africa (1893)
C2453 Brown (A. S. & G. G.): Guide to South Africa (1898)
C2454 Castle Line Atlas of South Africa (1895)
C2455 Brown (A.S.): Illustrated Handbook of the South African Gold-Fields (1897)
C2459 Ingram (J. F.): The Colony of Natal, an Official Handbook and Railway Guide (1895)
C2460 Younghusband (Capt. F.): South Africa of To-day (1899)
C2461 Bryce (J.): Impressions of South Africa. With a new Prefatory Chapter, and with the Transvaal Conventions of 1881 and 1884 (1899)
C2464 Du Plessis (C. N. J.), Translated by R. Acton: The Transvaal Boer speaking for Himself (1899)
C2465 "Africanus": Transvaal Boers, a Historical Sketch (1899)
C2466 Haggard (H. Rider): Last Boer War (1899)
C2467 Hendry (Hamish): Majuba, Bronkerspruit, Ingogo, Lang's Nek, &c. (1900)
C2468 Worsfold (W. B.): South Africa (1897)
C2469 Devereux (Roy): Side-Lights on South Africa (1899)
C2470 Lucas (C. P.): History of South Africa to the Jameson Raid (1899)
C2471 Cloete (Hon. H.), edited by W. Brodrick-Cloete: History of the Great Boer Trek, and the Origin of the South African Republics (1899)
C2472 Phillips (Mrs. L.): South African Recollections (1899)
C2473 Garrett-Fisher (W. E.): Transvaal and the Boers: a Short History of the South African Republic, with a Chapter on the Orange Free State (1900)
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C2475 Davis (Lieut. C. N. Newnham): The Transvaal under the Queen (1900)
C2476 Wallace (R.): Farming Industries of Cape Colony (1896)
C2477 Fitzpatrick (J. P.): The Transvaal from Within, a Private Record of Public Affairs (1899)
C2478 Lucas (C.P.): Geography of South and East Africa (1898)

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G3273 } Schreiner (Olive): Story of an
G3879 } African Farm (1890)
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G4156 Merriman (H. S.): With Edged Tools (1896)
G4328 Schreiner (Olive): Trooper Peter Halkett
G4377 Griffiths (George): Briton or Boer? (1897)
G4398 Haggard (H. Rider): King Solomon's Mines (1887)
G4439 Mitford (Bertram): A Veldt Official (1896)
G4440 Mitford (Bertram): Curse of Clement Waynflete (1896)
G4791 Russell (G. H.): Under the Siambok, a Tale of the Transvaal (1899)

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publisher and others.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*All the World	M
*American Machinist	M
*Anglo-Russian	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	W
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Amateur	M
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bimetallist	M
Black and White	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Board of Trade Journal	W
Bookman	M
Bookseller	M
*Booksellers' Review	W
Boys' Own Paper	W
*British Australasian	W
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Builders' Reporter	M
*Busy Bee	M
Building News	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Christian Endeavour	W
Chums	W
*Church Bells and Illus. Church News	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	W
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Church Weekly	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Civil Service Monthly	M
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
Cornish Post	W
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
*Drapers' Record	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Review	M
*Educational Times	M
Electrician	W
*Emmanuel Parish Magazine	M
Engineer	W
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
*Ex Libris Journal	M
Family Friend	M
*Fielding's Magazine	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Life	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Free Russia	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Fun	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Girl's Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Golfing	W
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home	W
*Herald of the Golden Age	M
*Humanity	M
Idler	M
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
Independent Echo (2 copies)	W
*Inquirer	W
*Inventors' Review	M
*Insurance Agent	M
*Insurance Spectator	M
Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	M
Judy	W
*Justice	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
Lady	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Leader (Melbourne)	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberty Review	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London American	W
Longman's Magazine	M
Ludgate Monthly	M
*Machinery Market	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Art	M
*Mariner	M
*Melbourne Age	D
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy and Army	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List (Lean's)	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Peace and Goodwill	Q
Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printer and Bookmaker	M
*Printers' Register	M
*Public Health	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch (2 copies)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*Rural World	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
*Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Do. Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Sketch	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Sphere	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
*Stationery World	M
*Stock Exchange Report	W
Strand Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
*Sunday Closing Reporter	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	
*Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
*Union Line Gazette	M
*University Correspondent	W and M
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (4 copies)	D
Western Evening News (2 copies)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
*Western Independent (2 copies)	W
*Western Mail (Perth)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine	M
Woman at Home	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
Do. Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Jackson's A.B.C. Telephone Directory
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Oxford Street Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W
British Workman	M
Cassell's Family Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Chums	W
*Church in the West	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Graphic	D
Daily Telegraph	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
Illustrated London News	W
Independent Echo	W
*Inventors' Review	M
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
People	W
Punch	W
Quiver	M
Standard	D
Sunday at Home	M
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	D
Western Independent	W
Western Morning News	D
Western Weekly Mercury	W
Western Weekly News	W
Westminster Budget	W
Woman at Home	W
Work	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Cattedown-Road Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Leisure Hour	M
British Workman	M	Naval and Military Record	W
*Canadian Gazette	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Punch	W
Century Magazine	M	Review of Reviews	M
Chambers's Journal	M	Standard	D
Chums	W	Strand Magazine	M
Daily Graphic	D	Sunday at Home	M
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Daily Mercury	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Evening Herald	D
Fun	W	Western Figaro	W
Good Words	M	Western Independent	W
Graphic	W	Western Morning News	D
Illustrated London News	W	Western Weekly Mercury	W
Independent Echo	W	Western Weekly News	W
Labour News	W		

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Laira Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Naval and Military Record	W
Black and White	W	Pall Mall Magazine	M
*British Australasian	W	Pearson's Weekly	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	People	W
Chums	W	Public Opinion	W
*Church in the West	W	Punch	W
Daily Graphic	D	Quiver	M
Daily News	D	Standard	D
Daily Telegraph	D	Strand Magazine	M
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Sunday at Home	M
Fun	W	Western Daily Mercury	D
Good Words	M	Western Evening Herald	D
Graphic	W	Western Figaro	W
Illustrated London News	W	Western Independent	W
Independent Echo	W	Western Morning News	D
Leisure Hour	M	Westminster Budget	W
Ludgate Monthly	M	Woman at Home	M
Madame	W		

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County-Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Fourth Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901).

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 13th, 1901.

1900 = 1901.

Plymouth:
TREND AND Co., PRINTERS, ETC., 163, UNION STREET.

1901.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1900).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1901	106,030
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1901	£456,357
Income of the Library from the 1d. Rate, 1876	£670
,, ,, 1901	£1,850
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1901	47,572
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1900-1901	379,840
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1901	5,395,066
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1900-1901	2,371
Number or Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library	64,526

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1900—1901.

Elected November 9th, 1900.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
RICHARD RISDON, Esq., J.P.

Deputy-Chairman and Hon. Treasurer:

ALDERMAN JOHN SHELLY.

ALDERMAN T. G. GREEK WILLS

ALDERMAN C. H. RADFORD

COUNCILLOR JOHN TAYLOR

COUNCILLOR W. G. WAKEHAM

COUNCILLOR J. Y. WOOLLCOMBE

REV. PREB. T. H. HOWARD, M.A.

REV. PROF. F. E. ANTHONY, M.A., J.P.

REV. SAMUEL VINCENT

MR. W. WILLOUGHBY

MR. J. F. WINNICOTT

MR. W. J. VICKERY

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R HIST.SOC. F.L.A.

Assistant Librarian: R. E. WELLINGTON.
Senior Assistant: T. BURROW
Junior Assistants: A. E. JOSLIN, L. ANNEAR.
Attendant, News-Rooms: F. DURHAM.
Attendant, Magazine-Room: A. S. JOSLIN.
Caretakers: ISAAC GOULD, E. BURLEY.

General Arrangements at the Central Library and Branches.

CENTRAL LIBRARY—

General News Room, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week day.

Magazine and Ladies' Room, 10 a.m. to 9-30 p.m. every week day.

Reference Library, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week day (Wednesdays during Summer, close at 2 p.m.)

Lending Library, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

EVENING BRANCHES —Open 6-30 to 9-30 p.m.

(SMALL LENDING LIBRARIES ARE ATTACHED TO EACH OF THESE BRANCHES.)

Laira Board School.

Attendance Officer: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Mount Street Board School.

Attendance Officer: C. J. FOWLER.

Oxford Street Board School, King Gardens.

Attendance Officer: THOMAS POTTER.

Small Lending Libraries are also attached to all the Board Schools; also to the Public School, Cobourg Street, St. Peter's National School, and Compton National School.

(See page 21 for complete list.)

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The Committee, in presenting this Report, desire to call attention to the fact that in August next the Library will have been in existence for a quarter of a century. The extent of its work during that time may be judged from the fact that the total issues since it was opened in 1876 amount to more than five million volumes.

During the past year the issues have increased, and the general work of the Institution has been carried on steadily and satisfactorily.

The Branches, except the Laira Branch, are not largely attended, and the Committee think it may be advisable to close some of them.

It will be observed that the debit balance has been reduced by £200, and the Committee hope it may now shortly be wiped off altogether.

The Librarian has continued to work zealously in the interests of the Institution, and the present assistants and other officials have done their work to the satisfaction of the Committee.

JOHN SHELLY,

Deputy Chairman.

10th May, 1901

County-Borough of Plymouth Free Public Library.

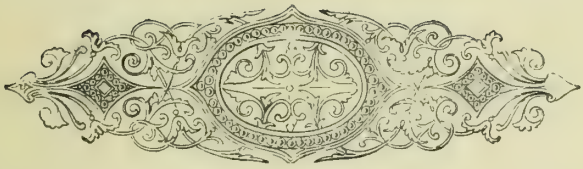
Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement from April, 1900, to April 1901.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
To Cash Balances per last Report				14	10	6
To Corporation (per Borough Treasurer)						
May 27th, 1900	450	0	0			
October 27th, 1900	450	0	0			
December 27th, 1900	450	0	0			
March 25th, 1901	450	0	0			
				1800	0	0
To Library Receipts:—						
Fines received from Borrowers	29	19	7			
Sale of Vouchers and Tickets	11	18	0			
Sale of Catalogues and Rules	2	9	8			
Sale of Old Newspapers	7	9	5			
Post Cards (Bespoke Books)	1	5	2			
Subscriptions (non-residents)	1	5	0			
Damaged and Lost Books replaced	0	10	6			
				54	17	4
Balance due to Bank				242	2	6
				£2111	10	4

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
Balance due to Bank, per last Report				442	5	9
By Furniture, Fittings, Repairs, etc.				27	0	10
Architect's Charges, Balance				40	16	6
Repayment of Corporation Loan				150	0	0
Interest on Corporation Loan				40	2	9
Rent on Building, to Corporation				35	0	0
Printing and Stationery, General	26	11	6			
Printing Annual Report	6	19	0			
				33	10	6
Insurance				3	0	0
Electric Lighting				115	3	3
Heating				23	9	8
Salaries, Wages and Attendance: Central	620	0	10			
Salaries, Wages and Attendance: Branches	111	2	6			
Supply of Library and News Rooms.—				731	3	4
New Books and Replacements	110	14	4			
Binding and Repairs	82	1	1			
Magazines	35	9	9			
Newspapers	144	18	4			
				373	3	6
Cataloguing and Assistance				10	8	9
Postages, Notices to Borrowers, etc.,				9	6	2
Rail Charges, Travelling Expenses, Porterage, &c.,				19	0	10
Cleaning and Sundries				14	2	0
Bank Cheques				0	18	0
Auditor's Fees				2	2	0
Bank Interest and Commission				30	16	6
Cash Balance				10	0	0
				£2111	10	4

(Signed)
JOHN SHELLY, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. K. WRIGHT, *Borough Librarian.*

(Signed) Audited, May 7th, 1901.
G. HICKS,
THOS. J. PAWLEY, } *Elective Auditors.*



LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Plymouth and the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting to you a detailed statement of the work of this Institution for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1901, I have pleasure in calling attention to the marked improvement which is manifest in all departments. Not only do the statistics show a large increase in the number of books read and consulted, but a considerable saving has been affected in the working expenses.

Before proceeding to refer particularly to the statistical tables which follow this Report, I would point out that this year we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Library. The Library Committee was appointed early in 1876; the first meeting of the Committee was held on the 1st February, 1876; your Librarian received his appointment on the 17th of the same month; and the formal opening of the Library took place on the 30th August, 1876; the intervening time being taken up with the necessary preparations for furnishing

and stocking the building. The following formed the first Library Committee :—

Chairman (ex-officio):

The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Mr. W. F. Moore).

Deputy Chairman: Mr. R. C. Serpell.

Mr. W. H. Alger	Mr. W. C. James
Rev. F. E. Anthony	Mr. I. Latimer
Mr. E. R. Brown	Mr. W. H. Luke
Mr. R. Reynolds Fox	Mr. John Shelly
Mr. A. Hubbard	Mr. C. F. Tanner

Mr. W. J. Trythall.

Turning now to the statistical Tables, it will be found that during the twelve months covered by this Report the stock of books has been increased by 1,375 volumes, these being about equally divided between the Lending and Reference Departments. The Library now contains 47,572 volumes, of which 26,000 are in the Lending, and 21,000 in the Reference Department, the latter including the Devon and Cornwall Library, which now numbers 8,709 volumes and pamphlets.

The number of borrowers' tickets issued during the year differs but little from the total of the previous year ; from this it appears that 450 burgesses and 2,000 non-burgesses have been enrolled. This total does not include borrowers from the School Libraries, of whom no record is kept at the Central Library.

In Tables II., III., IV., V., VI., will be found the usual particulars respecting the ages, occupations, and residences of the borrowers, upon which comment seems unnecessary.

The most interesting Table is probably VII., in which will be found a statement of all the issues in the Lending Department, including the Schools and Branches ; and Table VIII., which shows the books consulted in the Reference Library. The former shows a total of 317,712, with a daily average of 1,069 ; the latter a total of 62,128, and a daily average of 209. This is an increase of 18,377 in the Lending, and 6,192 in the Reference Department. The total issues for the year

amounted to 379,840, slightly in excess of any previous year, and the aggregate issues since the opening of the Library represent a total of nearly five and a half million volumes.

During the year, by your instructions, the Cattedown Road Branch was closed, and shortly after, in response to a requisition addressed to the Committee by a number of the inhabitants of the district, the Mount Street Branch was re-opened. The Laira Branch still continues to be the most popular, the number of books issued during the year being 13,349.

The School Libraries continue to be a most important and useful feature of our work, nearly five thousand volumes being in constant circulation amongst the children of the town.

Since the publication of the last report we have lost two members of the Committee, by death, viz : Mr. Walter Lethbridge, who had been a most active member for some years, and Mr. W. J. Stanbury, who was laid aside by illness soon after his appointment to the Committee.

Several important changes have occurred in the Staff, the Senior Assistant, Mr. R. Wellington, having been promoted to the position of Assistant Librarian, in the place of Mr. W. J. Bennetts. Mr. T. Burrow was then promoted to the position of Chief Assistant ; whilst several changes have taken place amongst the junior members of the staff.

I am sorry to report that several cases of wilful damage to periodicals have lately come under my notice, but up to the present I have been unable to trace the offenders. I am making every effort to do so.

Some months since you instructed me to make overtures to the Patents' Department with a view to the transfer of the Specifications which had been accumulating here for many years, and which were rarely referred to. I waited upon the authorities in London in January last, when I found that the Department required that the publications should be bound, or otherwise prepared, for the use of the public, conditions which we could not meet with our small staff, moreover the space they

occupied was a serious consideration. On reporting this to you, I was commissioned to make arrangements for their removal, and they have now been returned to His Majesty's Stationery Office, to await instructions. The cost of their removal, nine tons in all, falls upon the Library, but we are more than compensated by the shelf space available for other purposes.

During the year the printed Catalogue of the British Museum has been completed; by your instructions I sent a special letter of thanks to the Trustees of the National Gallery for their liberality in presenting this valuable and important work to us.

The Library has also been enriched by a further gift from the Government, consisting of Chronicles and State Papers, as follows:—

Calendars of State Papers	77	volumes.
Acts of the Privy Council	11	..
Chronicles and Memorials	67	..
Publications of the Record Commissioners ...	[illegible]	..
Scottish Records	42	..
Irish Records	[illegible]	..
Miscellaneous	12	,,
TOTAL ...	226	,,

Amongst other presentations to the Library I may particularise the following:—

Manuscript Transcripts of Registers of Devonshire Parishes, 20 volumes, presented by the Rev. S. Baring Gould.

Manuscript Volume of "Songs of the West," music and words, transcribed by the donor, Rev S. Baring Gould.

Official General Report on the Paris Exhibition, 10 volumes, presented by the Commissioners through the Society of Arts, London.

Book of the Dead, presented by the Trustees of the British Museum.

La Guerre (the War of the Future), by Baron Jean de Block, Warsaw, 6 volumes, presented by the Author.

Barnstaple Records, by Thos. Wainwright, 2 volumes, presented by the Author.

These, together with all other presentations made during the year, will be found recorded in the Appendix to this Report.

We are also indebted to the proprietors of many British and Colonial newspapers for sending these regularly. A list of all periodicals supplied to the various Reading Rooms will be found in the Appendix, those presented being marked by an asterisk.

In September last it was my privilege to attend, by your kind permission, the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held in Bristol. It was a highly successful meeting, and much practical good resulted therefrom. My Report was presented to you at the time, and is duly seconded in the minutes.

At the Bristol Meeting it was unanimously resolved to hold the 1901 meeting in the Three Towns, and I had the pleasure, acting by your authority, to offer a cordial invitation to the members, my colleague, the Borough Librarian of Devonport, on behalf of his Committee, supporting the proposal. The Mayors of Plymouth and Devonport have promised to entertain the Association, and arrangements are now being made to form a large and representative Committee to give a fitting welcome to the great body of visitors who will come from all parts of the United Kingdom, and some probably from America.

It may be remembered that the Association visited Plymouth in the year 1885, when they had an enthusiastic reception, and their advent left a favourable impression in the locality.

By arrangement with the Council of the Association, this, the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting, has been timed to coincide with the Anniversary of the Opening of the Plymouth Free Library in August, 1876. The proceedings will commence on Tuesday, August 26th, and extend to Friday, August 30th.

I may say that in this matter we are working cordially with our friends at Devonport, as the Meeting is intended to embrace the Three Towns ; and there is also a strong desire that the Association should pay an afternoon visit to Exeter during the week of its stay in the West.

On the 20th of March last I had the honour of presiding over a meeting of West Country Librarians, held at Cardiff. The delegates,

among whom were included some from the Welsh Colliery districts, were well received by the civic authorities, and had the privilege of inspecting the valuable collections in the Cardiff Central Library, particularly the Welsh collection, and visiting some of the Branches. The Roath Branch, which had not then been opened, is a model Library, and the building, which occupies a corner site in a good position, was erected at a cost of £3,000.

It only remains for me to thank you for the uniform kindness and consideration, and for the valuable help and counsel which has been extended to me during the twenty-five years that I have held the office of Borough Librarian.

I have the honour to be,

Yours respectfully,

F. W. R. Wright

Plymouth, April 20th, 1901 *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1900.	1901.	Increase in 1901.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1024	1051	27
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	2438	2513	75
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	3464	3677	213
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	758	773	15
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1660	1686	26
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1458	1533	75
G	Prose Fiction	6154	6323	169
H	Miscellaneous Works	365	*250	
I	Magazines and Reviews	3006	3088	82
M	Music	108	119	11
R	Books for the Blind	281	290	9
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	5128	5129	1
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	11799	12296	497
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ...	8373	8709	336
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ...	181	*135	
				1536
	*Deduct, transferred to other classes...			161
	TOTALS ...	46197	47572	1375

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-three published Reports	62,155
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,371
	64,526

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned

Borrowers left the town	58
,, deceased	6
,, withdrawn	14
Want of time for reading	18
Guarantor withdrawn	9
Cancelled (unclaimed)	41
	146

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1901.

Under 15 years		229
From 15 to 20 years		435
,, 20 to 25 ,,		314
,, 25 to 30 ,,		197
,, 30 to 40 ,,		247
,, 40 to 50 ,,		129
,, 50 to 60 ,,		79
,, 60 upwards		85
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	354	
,, Non-Burgesses	302	
		656
		2371

TABLE V.

Residental Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	5	37	42
St. Andrew's Ward	18	102	120
Hoe Ward	25	167	192
Millbay Ward	11	57	68
St. Peter's Ward	8	54	62
Frankfort Ward	14	99	113
Drake's Ward	29	134	163
Charles Ward	29	138	167
Greenbank Ward	34	119	153
Mutley Ward	57	174	231
Compton Ward	33	83	116
Laira Ward	66	215	281
Friary Ward	22	116	138
Sutton Ward	10	60	70
Non-Residents	0	25	25
Borrowers at Cattedown Road *	0	5	5
,, Oxford Street	3	47	50
,, Laira	69	237	306
,, Mount Street	17	52	69
	450	1,921	2,371

* Closed early in the year.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1900—1901.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	203
Agents and Managers	36
Apprentices	35
Architects	6
Artists	8
Assistants, Shop	48
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Bank Clerks	9
Bookbinders	2
Booksellers and Stationers	6
Boot and Shoe Makers	7
Brass and Wire Worker	1
Brewer	1
Bricklayers	2
Builders and Contractors	8
Butchers, &c.	7
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	44
Caretakers	7
Carver and Turner	1
Chemists, Druggist, &c.	20
Civil Service Officials	11
Clergy and Ministers	16
Coachmen, Grooms, &c.	6
Commercial Travellers	25
Consul	1
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	5
Cutlers	2
Cycle Makers	2
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	7
Dealers	8
Dentists	4
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	27
Draughtsmen	2
Electricians	5
Engineers and Engine Fitters	31
Engravers and Lithographers	2
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	25
Fishermen	2
Foremen	7
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	26
Governess	11
Grocers and Tea Dealers	15
Gunmaker	1
Hair Dressers	12
Hatters	2
Housekeepers	11
Innkeepers	4
Inspectors	5
Ironmongers	5
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	11
Labourers and Porters	32
Lawyers, &c.	6
Lodging-house Keepers	8
Machinists	4
Mariners	6
Married Women (so specified)	61
Masons and Plasterers	16
Medical Men	5
Merchants and Manufacturers	9
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	25
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	11
Nurses	6
Officers, Army and Navy	30
Packers	4
Painters and Decorators	14
Pensioners	9
Photographers	4
Pianoforte Makers	2
Platelayers	2
Plumbers and Gasfitters	4
Police Officers	2
Post Office Employees	20
Printers and Compositors	22
Railway Officials	14
Rope Makers	2
Saddlers	2
Salesmen	9
Sawyers	2
School Children and Students	152
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	103
Shipbrokers	2
Shipwrights	3
Shopkeepers	5
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	6
Spinsters (so specified)	14
Storekeepers	4
Superintendents	6
Surveyors	4
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	28
Tobacconists	7
Typists	3
Upholsterers	3
Warehousemen	5
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	15
Wheelwrights	5
Widows (so specified)	13
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	894
Total	2,371

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1900.																	
April ...	23	56	207	487	42	256	92	4,448	13	551	826	331	71	...	16,923	24,303	1,056
May ...	27	88	273	576	59	292	93	5,161	15	608	897	390	149	1	16,820	25,392	940
June ...	25	94	268	574	65	274	120	5,335	14	562	909	391	126	1	20,956	29,689	1,187
July ...	26	66	242	492	44	225	85	5,210	12	497	800	312	102	16	16,729	24,832	955
August ...	26	61	223	480	35	220	88	4,759	12	530	807	275	72	18	16,864	24,444	940
September	25	97	256	552	40	237	126	5,274	14	519	634	301	99	10	21,345	29,504	1,180
October..	27	111	246	631	55	315	148	5,913	15	614	708	407	104	3	16,639	25,909	959
November	26	111	286	585	74	327	158	6,615	9	703	880	423	85	13	16,834	27,103	1,042
December	24	106	280	617	44	274	125	5,649	15	557	608	321	62	18	21,137	29,813	1,242
1901.																	
January ..	19	54	148	252	32	188	52	3,268	3	359	481	223	52	3	16,889	22,004	1,158
February	23	75	250	422	54	281	110	5,195	7	541	655	349	57	28	16,982	25,006	1,087
March ...	26	87	260	398	39	236	68	5,401	5	566	715	403	76	24	21,435	29,713	1,142
Totals ...	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	317,712	1,069

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901, inclusive.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1900															
April ...	23	72	60	78	713	163	70	83	193	2,020	113	262	421	4,248	184
May ...	27	63	54	74	785	201	68	72	194	2,539	155	278	475	4,958	183
June ...	25	63	65	112	831	149	112	115	228	2,542	147	341	564	5,269	210
July ...	26	41	51	76	764	198	55	105	241	2,213	120	319	314	4,497	172
August ...	26	38	69	89	864	227	65	146	235	2,398	80	215	281	4,707	181
September	25	62	96	74	699	224	88	471	170	2,517	138	214	939	5,692	227
October ...	27	46	106	59	850	211	68	198	243	2,707	135	314	886	5,823	215
November	26	41	84	130	882	299	103	105	593	2,655	140	319	647	5,998	230
December	24	40	80	80	773	295	97	117	656	2,406	124	243	609	5,520	230
1901															
January ...	19	57	46	62	568	208	100	70	383	1,902	81	130	427	4,034	212
February	23	63	85	197	830	227	123	89	517	2,347	115	182	381	5,156	224
March ...	26	66	83	338	852	317	89	174	291	2,912	128	284	692	6,226	239
Totals—	297	652	879	1,369	9,411	2,719	1,038	1,745	3,944	29,158	1,476	3,101	6,636	62,128	209

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-four published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897		..	...	125,059	347
1878 ...	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	...		...	123,496	427
1879 ...	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	...	...	...	118,805	458
1880 ...	297	1,851	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	.	..	...	171,851	578
1881 ...	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	...	...	...	162,048	566
1882 ...	289	1,830	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	..	...		182,321	630
1883 ...	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	...	..	179,506	612
1884 ...	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201				164,568	594
1885 ...	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	...		...	158,604	556
1886 ...	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	...			160,823	564
1887 ...	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	...			147,901	515
1838-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464			...	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	...		...	138,177	670L.D. 116E.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217			...	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,335			11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	...		112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	..		154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	53,366	1,811	...		144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235			128,705	192,951	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	..	302	135,436	325,361	915L.D. 216E.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	...	459	184,319	377,552	1040L.D. 221E.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074L.D. 209E.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994L.D. 191E.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069L.D. 209E.D.
Totals—		26,881	78,145	180,359	14,847	78,630	43,067	1,584,684	39,377	223,422	650,428	884,282	86,699	1,260	1,378	1,500,607	5,395,066	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	...	7,908	...
1878 ...	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	...	...	...	9,906	1,998
1879 ...	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	...	...	...	11,261	1,355
1880 ...	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	...	...	...	12,721	1,460
1881 ...	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	...	...	...	14,009	1,288
1882 ...	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	...	..	...	15,519	1,510
1883 ...	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	...	...	...	17,042	1,523
1884 ...	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	...	...	...	19,506	2,464
1885 ...	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	...	...	...	20,908	1,402
1886 ...	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	...	...	...	22,972	2,064
1887 ...	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	...	...	...	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	...	...	...	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	...	...		28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	...	...	...	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	...	...	...	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	...	...	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	...	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	...	...	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	...	...	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	...	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	...	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	†365	3,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	†250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	†4,222	47,572	1,375

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

†– Transferred to other Classes.

TABLE XI.

Return of Monthly Issues in the Branch Libraries, from April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

BRANCH.	April (1900.)	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan. (1901.)	February	March	TOTALS
*Cattedown	84	76	91	49	27								327
Laira ...	1,113	1,142	1,059	1,068	1,074	1,041	1,122	1,099	1,097	1,104	1,128	1,302	13,349
Mount St....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	271	228	243	314	1,200
Oxford St.	244	208	242	175	164	200	142	168	195	161	154	173	2,226
	1,441	1,426	1,392	1,292	1,265	1,241	1,264	1,411	1,563	1,493	1,525	1,789	17,102

Attendance in Evening Reading Rooms, from April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

BRANCH.	April (1900).	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan. (1901)	February	March	TOTALS
*Cattedown .	685	698	756	465	306	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,910
Laira	1,062	991	856	947	1,080	1,075	1,067	945	894	934	878	952	11,681
Mount St....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	804	851	710	685	922	3,972
Oxford St. .	877	972	1,178	887	809	1,065	952	1,022	1,132	999	915	1,057	11,865
	2,624	2,661	2,790	2,299	2,195	2,140	2,019	2,771	2,877	2,643	2,478	2,931	30,428

*—Closed August 25th, 1900.

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of School Libraries and Branches supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
,, ,,	Mixed	100
Compton National	Mixed	223
King Street	Boys	200
Laira	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,,	Girls	120
North Road	Girls	400
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,,	Girls	137
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	300
Regent Street	Higher Grade	500
St. Peter's	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,,	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
Laira Branch Evening Reading Room		465
Mount Street ,, ,, ,, ,,		245
Oxford Street ,, ,, ,, ,,		370
		4,960

Donors to the Library.

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Agent-General for Ottawa.
Agent-General for Queensland.
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Agent-General for W. Australia.
Anti-Slavery Society.

Baring-Gould, Rev. S. B., Lew Trenchard.
Bennett & Co., Birmingham.
Bloch, Jean de, Warsaw.
Board of Trade (Labour Department.)
Board of Trade (Marine Department.)
Boger, Lieut. H. O., Plymouth.
Boscawen, John R. de C., Truro.
Bowles, M.P., T. G., London.
Brushfield, T. N., Budleigh-Salterton.
Burton, W. G., Stonehouse.

Cobden Club.
Collier, W. F., Woodtown.
Co-operative Union, Ltd.
Cotgreave, A., West Ham.

Dawbarn & Ward, Messrs.
Deats, H. E., New Jersey.
Department of Agriculture, U.S.A.
Drolsuns, A., Christiana.
Durham University College, Delegates of

Edwards, J., Passmore, London.
Ellis, F. S., Torquay.

Fabian Society, London.

Glanville-Richards, W. U. S., Plymouth.
Green, Philip, London.
Greenwood, W. N., Lancaster.

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*continued.*

H.M. Stationery Office, London.
Hearder, H. P., Plymouth.
Hurd, A. S., London.

Incorporated Society of Musicians.

"J. M. P."
James, G., Birmingham.

Keys, J. H., Plymouth.

Lach-Szyrma, Rev. W. S.
Leamann, F., Plymouth.
London University College, Delegates of.

Library Reports and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

Aberdeen.
Acton.
Arbroath.
Aston Minor.
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow.
Barrow-in-Furness.
Battersea.
Belfast.
Birmingham.
Bishopsgate Foundations.
Blackburn.
Blackpool.
Bootle.
Boston.
Bostonia.
Bournemouth.
Bradford.
Brentford.
Brighton.
Brookline, Mass., U.S.A.
Cambridge.
Cardiff.
Carlisle.
Carnegie, Ayr.
Cheltenham.
Chiswick.
Chorley.
Clerkenwell.
Clitheroe.
Cork.
Croydon.
Detroit.
Devonport.
Dewsbury.
Doncaster.
Dukinfield.
Ealing.
Fletcher, Burlington,
Folkstone.
Fulham.
Great Yarmouth.
Hamilton, Canada.
Hammersmith.
Hanley.
Harlesden. Willesden.
Heginbottom, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Holborn, London.
Hornsey.
Hooe.
Jersey City, U.S.A.
Kidderminster.
Kilburn.
Kingston-upon-Thames.
Leeds.
Leicester.
Leyton.
Limehouse District, London.
Lincoln.
Liverpool.
Longton.
Manchester.
Middlesborough.
Newark, N.J.
Newberry, Chicago, U.S.A.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
New South Wales.
New York Mechanic's Institute.
Norwich.
Nottingham.
Penarth.
Penge.
Peoria, Ill., U.S.A.
Philadelphia, U.S.A.
Portsmouth.
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Preston.
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Richmond.
Rochdale.
Rotherhithe.
St. George, Hanover Square, London.
St. Giles, London.
St. Helens.
St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.
Salem, Mass.
Salford.
Shoreditch.
Smethwick.
Stafford.
Stirling and Glasgow.
Stoke Newington.
Streatham.

Tokyo, Japan.
Toronto.
Tottenham.
Twickenham.
Tynemouth.
Walthamstow.
Watford.
Wednesbury.
West Ham.
Westminster.
Wilkes Barre, U.S.A.
Willesden.
Wimbledon.
Wolverhampton.
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.
York.

MacDonald, W., Dublin.
Macmillan & Co., London.
Madden, J., London.
Manchester Local Committee of the Library Association.
Marine Biological Association.
Matthews, S. W., Stonehouse.
Maxwell, Rev. J. T., Plymouth.
Micklewood, E., Plymouth.
Moffatt, Mr., Aberdeen.
Moody & Co., S., London.

New Church College.
Nicholson, Rev. F. D., Plymouth.
N.S.P.C.A., Secretary of the

Osborn, J. L.

Paget, Stephen.
Pearse, Dr. W. H., Plymouth.
Peck.
Plymouth Institutions.
Plymouth Mercantile Association.
Plymouth Museum.
Plymouth School Board.
Plymouth Technical Schools.
Potter, G., London.
Putnam, H., Washington, U.S.A.
Pryor, the late W., Plymouth.
Radford, Alderman C. H., Plymouth.
Radford, Mrs. C. H., Plymouth.
Registrar-General of Seamen, London.
Registrar of Patents, London.
Rice, R. G., London.
Risk, Rev. T. E.
Robertson, D. F., Chicago, U.S.A.
Rogers, G. P., Plymouth.
Royal Colonial Institute.
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society.
Royal Institute of British Architects.

Sharpe, M.D., W.
Shelly, Alderman J., Plymouth.
Smith, John, Plymouth.
Smithsonian Institution.
Sowerby, J. D., Chief-Constable, Plymouth.
Stanton, W.
Swedenborg Society.

Taylor, L. A., Bristol.
Thomas, Rev. F., Launceston.
Trevail, Silvanus, Truro.
Trinity College, London.
Typographical Association, Plymouth.

United Devon Association.
U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Vickers, J. W., London.

Wainwright, T., Barnstaple.
Walker, W., Plymouth.
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, London.
Weekes, Philips & Co., Plymouth.
Weston, J., Stonehouse.
Williams, F. M., Medical Officer of Health, Plymouth.
Wood, A. E., Secretary Plymouth Typographical Association.
Wood and Tozer, Devonport.
Woodhouse, H. B. S., Plymouth.
Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association.
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth.

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GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist.
Gaze's Tourist Gazette.
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables.
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables.
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables.
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publishers and others.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*All the World	M
*American Machinist	M
*Anglo-Russian	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	W
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Amateur	M
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
*Bimetallist	M
Black and White	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W
*British Australasian (2 copies)	W
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman (2 copies)	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
*Busy Bee	M
Building News	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Christian Endeavour	W
*Christian Life	W
Chums	W
*Church Bells and Illustrated Church News	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Church Intelligencer M
*Church Quarterly Review Q
*Church Times W
*Church Weekly W
*Civil Service Candidate W
*Civil Service Competitor W
*Civil Service Monthly M
*Clarion W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal M
*Colonial Circulars M
Contemporary Review M
Contract Journal W
*Co-operative News W
Cornhill Magazine M
Cornish Post W
*Cornish Telegraph W
Cornish Times W
*Cornubian W
Cycling W
Daily Chronicle D
Daily Graphic (2 copies) D
Daily Mail D
Daily News D
Daily Telegraph D
*Dartmouth Chronicle W
*Deliverer M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette D
*Devon and Somerset W. News W
Devonshire Notes and Queries Q
*Drapers' Record W
Echo D
Edinburgh Review Q
*Educational Times M
Electrician W
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English Illustrated Magazine M
English Mechanic W
*Englishwoman's Review Q
*Ex Libris Journal M
Family Friend M
*Fielden's Magazine M
*Foresters' Miscellany M
Fortnightly Review M
*Free Life M
*Free Russia M
*Freeman's Journal D
*Freeman's Weekly W
Fun W
Gardener's Magazine W
Gentlewoman W
Girl's Own Paper W
Globe D
*Good Templars' Watchword W
Good Words M
Graphic (2 copies) W
Harper's Magazine M
Hearth and Home W
*Herald of the Golden Age M
*Hotel M
*Humanity M
Idler M
Ilfracombe Chronicle W
Illustrated London News (2 copies) W
*Improvement Era M
*Inquirer W
*Inventors' Review M
*Insurance Agent M
Jewish Chronicle W
*Journal of British Architects W
Judy W
*Justice W
*Kingsbridge Gazette W
Knowledge M
Labour News W
*Ladies' League Gazette M
Lady W
Lady's Pictorial W
Lady's Realm M
Land and Water W
*Launceston Weekly News W
*Leader (Melbourne) W
*Leaves of Healing W
Leisure Hour M
*Liberty Review M
Literary World W
*London American W
*London, Seaside and Country M
*London Stock Market Report W
Longman's Magazine M
Ludgate Monthly M
*Machinery Market M and W
Macmillan's Magazine M
Madame W
Magazine of Art M
*Mariner M
*Melbourne Age D
*"Mercury's" Magazine M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal) W
*Millennial Star W
*Mining Market Record W
*Mission Field M
Morning Leader D
Morning Post D
*Musical Herald M
Musical Times M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal M
Nature W
*Nature Notes M
Naval and Military Directory M
Naval and Military Record W
Navy and Army W
*Navy League Journal M

LIST OF PERIODICALS *continued.*

Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*New Paper	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patents	W
Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M.
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printers' Register	M
*Public Health	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Richmond & Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
*Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Sketch	W
*Smithfield Illustrated Monthly	M
*Social Democrat	M
Somerset and County Express	W
*South Australian Register	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Sphere	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
*Stock Exchange Report	W
Strand Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
*Sunday Closing Reporter	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
*Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
*Tuberculosis	M
*University Correspondent	F and M
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (4 copies)	W
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
*Western Independent (2 copies)	W
*Western Mail (Perth)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Weston-Super-Mare Gazette	W	Work	W
Wide World Magazine	M	World	W
Windsor Magazine	M	*Writing Machine News	M
Woman at Home	M	Young England	M
Woman's Life	W	*Zoophilist	M
*Worcester Herald	W		

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
London, Chatham, and Dover
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
South-Eastern Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
Gaze's Tourist Gazette
New Zealand Shipping Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Laira Reading Room.

D *Daily.* W *Weekly.* M *Monthly.*

All the World	M	Pall Mall Magazine	M
Aspirant	W	Pearson's Weekly	W
Black and White	W	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	People	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Public Opinion	W
Chums	W	Punch	W
Daily Graphic	D	Quiver	M
Daily News	D	Standard	D
Daily Telegraph	D	Strand Magazine	M
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Sunday at Home	M
Fun	W	Western Daily Mercury	D
Good Words	M	Western Evening Herald	D
Graphic	W	Western Figaro	W
Illustrated London News	W	Western Independent	W
Leisure Hour	M	Western Morning News	D
Ludgate Monthly	M	Westminster Budget	W
Madame	W	Woman at Home	M
Naval and Military Record	W		

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

County-Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Fifth Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902).

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 12th, 1902.

1901 = 1902.

Plymouth:
TREND AND Co., PRINTERS, ETC., 163, UNION STREET.

1902.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1901—1902.

Elected November 9th, 1901.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
JOSEPH ARTHUR BELLAMY, Esq., J.P.

Deputy-Chairman, &c.:

ALDERMAN JOHN SHELLY.

ALDERMAN T. G. GREEK WILLS

COUNCILLOR HENRY EDE

COUNCILLOR W. H. JAGO

COUNCILLOR JOHN TAYLOR

COUNCILLOR J. Y. WOOLLCOMBE

REV. PROF. F. E. ANTHONY, M.A., J.P.

REV. PREB. T. H. HOWARD, M.A

REV. SAMUEL VINCENT

MR. W. J. VICKERY

MR. W. WILLOUGHBY

MR. J. F. WINNICOTT

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R.HIST.SOC., F.L.A.

Sub-Librarian: R. E. WELLINGTON.

Senior Assistants: T. BURROW, F. DURHAM.

Junior Assistants: A. E. JOSLIN, L. ANNEAR.

Attendant, Magazine-Room: A. S. JOSLIN.

Caretakers: ISAAC GOULD, E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.

Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association (August).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1902	108,916
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1902	£471,345
Income of the Library from the 1d. Rate, 1876	£670
,, ,, 1902	£1,960
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1902	48,905
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1901-1902	364,884
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1902	5,759,950
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1901-1902	2,454
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library	66,980
Number of Students' Tickets issued, 1902	150

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The work of the Library has been steadily continued, the number of issues being a little above the average of the last five years. The Laira Branch continues to be well used.

The debt to the bank is now paid off, and it is hoped that the balance due to the Corporation may be considerably reduced during the coming year. When this is completely discharged it is hoped that the value and usefulness of the Library may be much increased by the systematic improvement of the Reference Library.

The Institution is indebted as ever to the zeal of the Librarian, and the steady and efficient work of the assistants and other officials.

JOHN SHELLY,

Deputy Chairman.

8th May, 1902.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Plymouth and the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-fifth Report of this Library, covering the twelve months from April 1, 1901, to March 31, 1902. The details differ but little from those of previous years, and there is nothing of a special character to refer to except the Conference of Librarians held here in August last, for which there is a separate report.

The increase to the Library during the past twelve months has been somewhat less than usual, owing to the necessity for economy consequent upon paying off the overdraft at the bank, and the reduction of the Loan Account. As all payments are now made by the Borough Treasurer, the Financial Statement will appear with the Corporation Accounts.

The number of books added during the twelve months was 1,333, and the stock of volumes now stands thus :—Reference Library and Devon and Cornwall Library, 21,716 ; Lending Library, including School Libraries and branches, 27,189 ; total, 48,905. Table I. shows the proportion of the additions made to the several classes.

By Table II. it will be seen that 2,454 tickets have been issued, as against 2,371 in the previous year. This is to a certain extent accounted for by the increased activity at the Laira Branch, and the issue of Students' Tickets recently sanctioned.

The usual particulars relative to the ages, residences, and occupations of the borrowers to whom tickets have been issued, is given in Tables III., IV., V., VI.

In Table VII. will be found the monthly issues of books in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, including the Schools, by which it will be seen that the School Libraries account for quite two-thirds of the out-put of books. Although the general total is less, a marked increase is to be observed in the issues in the case of some

of the more educational classes of books, and it is satisfactory to know that the supply of a second ticket for students, although only in operation a short time, has had the desired effect of increasing the number of scientific and other kindred works taken out by borrowers. The regulation, dated February, 1902, is as follows :—

"COUNTY BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

STUDENT'S TICKETS. *

Borrowers have now the privilege of obtaining a SECOND TICKET for the Lending Library ; this Ticket enables them to obtain the loan of any work in the Library (except a work of Fiction), the ordinary Ticket being used, as before, for that or any other class. These STUDENTS' TICKETS are now being issued, special forms being required to be filled up and signed in the usual way and at the usual charge."

Table VIII. shows the number of works consulted in the Reference Library, according to a rough classification of the books ; here again there is a considerable increase, especially in works relating to Devon and Cornwall It will be noticed that the daily average of works consulted in this department is 222, as against 209 in the previous report.

The aggregate of books consulted and issued in all departments during the twenty-six years of the existence of the Library (1876 to 1902) amounts to 5,759,950 volumes.

Table X. shows the increase in the Library stock from year to year, and Table XI. gives the number of books issued and number of persons who attended the Laira Branch Evening Reading Room during the period covered by the report. Two Branches, viz., Mount Street and Oxford Street, were closed during the year, the attendance not warranting the expense incurred in supervision and supply of literature.

As an appendix to this Report is given a list of the principal additions made to the Library by gift and purchase.

The proprietors of the chief Australasian papers continue to send free copies of their publications, and these are much appreciated. Many other newspapers and periodicals are also presented by publishers.

* Up to the date of this Report 150 Student's Tickets have been issued.—W.H.K.W.

The General News Room continues to be exceedingly popular. It is crowded at all hours of the day, and the Magazine Room, with the Ladies' Department, is generally well filled, while in the evening nearly every seat is occupied. By the provision of two ventilating fans the atmosphere in the News Room has been considerably improved, and I am glad to report that the order now maintained is exceedingly good, reflecting credit upon those who use the place as well as upon the attendants responsible.

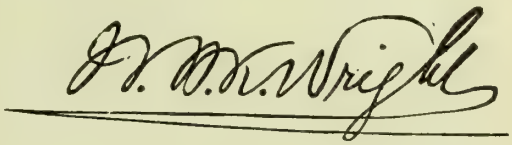
I hope, during the year, that you may sanction the publication of some more sections of the Catalogue, as well as new editions of some of those already issued. Class G is nearly out of print, and is very much out of date; the issue of Classes A, D, and F would complete the Lending Library Catalogue, and supplements are needed to the Class Catalogues of B, C, and E.

The Report of the Conference of Librarians held in Plymouth and Devonport in August last, prepared by my principal assistant, Mr. R. Wellington (who acted as my chief clerk in connection with the visit), will form an appendix to this report.

It is satisfactory to know that the Librarians and others who attended in large numbers received a very good impression of their visit, and were heartily gratified by all that was done for them. The thanks of the Local Reception Committee were especially due to the Mayors of Plymouth and Devonport, to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Duke of Bedford, and to the Naval Commander-in-Chief for the facilities granted to the visitors to see so many places and objects of interest. We may congratulate ourselves that the second visit of the Library Association was a distinct success.

Thanking you for your continued kindness and support, allow me to remain,

Yours respectfully,



Plymouth, April 30th, 1902. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1901.	1902.	Increase in 1902.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1051	1073	22
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	2513	2539	26
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	3677	3733	56
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	773	789	16
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1686	1698	12
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1533	1594	61
G	Prose Fiction	6323	6521	198
H	Miscellaneous Works ...	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3088	3146	58
M	Music	119	119	...
R	Books for the Blind	290	290	...
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	5129	5314	185
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	12296	12694	398
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ...	8709	9022	313
T	Nucleus of Branch Libraries ...	135	*123	
				1345
	*Deduct, transferred to other classes...			12
	TOTALS ...	47572	48905	1333

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-four published Reports	64,526
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Branches	2,454
	66,980

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned

Borrowers left the town	26
,, deceased	4
,, withdrawn	51
Want of time for reading	13
Guarantor withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	34
	130

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1902.

Under 15 years			157
From 15 to 20 years			443
,, 20 to 25 ,,			331
,, 25 to 30 ,,			224
,, 30 to 40 ,,			260
,, 40 to 50 ,,			128
,, 50 to 60 ,,			72
,, 60 upwards			82
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	434	
,,	Non-Burgesses	323	
			757
			2454

TABLE V.

Residental Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	7	33	40
St. Andrew's Ward	19	100	119
Hoe Ward	27	154	181
Millbay Ward	8	74	82
St. Peter's Ward	13	60	73
Frankfort Ward	18	81	99
Drake's Ward	26	132	158
Charles Ward	25	113	138
Greenbank Ward	43	116	159
Mutley Ward	77	206	283
Compton Ward	35	81	116
Laira Ward	81	217	298
Friary Ward	28	131	159
Sutton Ward	15	62	77
Non-Residents	0	52	52
Borrowers at Laira	112	296	408
,, Mount Street *	0	5	5
,, Oxford Street *	0	7	7
	534	1,920	2,454

* Closed early in the year.

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1901—1902.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	201
Actors	2
Agents and Managers	43
Apprentices	58
Architects	5
Artists	2
Assistants, Shop	40
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Bank Clerks	8
Bookbinders	2
Booksellers and Stationers	6
Boot and Shoe Makers	7
Brass and Wire Worker	1
Brewers	2
Bricklayers	5
Builders and Contractors	16
Butchers, &c.	4
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	38
Caretakers	6
Carver and Turner	1
Chemists, Druggist, &c.	14
Civil Service Officials	10
Clergy and Ministers	15
Coachmen, Grooms, &c	4
Commercial Travellers	25
Coopers	4
Curators	2
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	7
Cycle Makers	3
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	9
Dealers	8
Dentists	4
Domestic Servants	17
Drapers	29
Draughtsmen	4
Electricians	6
Engineers and Engine Fitters	58
Engravers and Lithographers	2
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	29
Fishermen	2
Foremen	16
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	18
Governess	8
Grocers and Tea Dealers	16
Hair Dressers	10
Hatters	2
Housekeepers	14
Innkeepers	5
Inspectors	7
Ironmongers	2
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	20
Labourers and Porters	33
Laundresses	5
Lawyers, &c.	4
Lodging-house Keepers	10
Machinists	8
Mariners	6
Married Women (so specified)	65
Masons and Plasterers	8
Medical Men	7
Merchants and Manufacturers	13
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	28
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	7
Nurses	8
Officers, Army and Navy	32
Packers	3
Painters and Decorators	15
Pawnbrokers	2
Pensioners	15
Photographers	6
Platelayers	2
Plumbers and Gasfitters	10
Police Officers	2
Post Office Employees	22
Printers and Compositors	28
Railway Officials	20
Rope Makers	2
Saddlers	3
Sailmakers	3
Salesmen	6
Sawyers	2
School Children and Students	160
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	108
Shipwrights	7
Shopkeepers	9
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	12
Spinsters (so specified)	15
Storekeepers	6
Superintendents	6
Surveyors	4
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	20
Tobacconists	4
Typists	4
Upholsterers	6
Warehousemen	2
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	14
Wheelwrights	3
Widows (so specified)	8
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	860
Total	2,454

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	H—Miscellaneous.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1901.																	
April ...	24	84	234	361	45	294	102	5,241	5	607	632	364	83	28	17,099	25,179	1,049
May ...	26	90	239	381	63	305	124	5,294	4	572	684	391	102	34	17,081	25,364	975
June ...	25	98	228	333	58	257	100	5,073	5	458	572	328	96	7	16,974	24,587	983
July ...	26	90	220	386	42	313	92	4,580	...	499	453	259	69	...	16,721	23,724	912
August ...	24	77	208	405	58	351	89	5,215	..	535	538	322	104	...	16,999	24,901	1,037
September	25	99	272	462	74	403	109	5,508	...	576	672	432	116	..	16,769	25,492	1,019
October..	27	87	280	492	54	424	135	5,878	...	623	683	425	134	...	16,913	26,128	967
November	26	125	296	531	56	485	98	6,285	...	679	581	399	98	1	17,335	26,969	1,037
December	24	99	250	438	42	397	100	5,096	...	605	492	316	101	...	16,943	24,879	1,036
1902.																	
January..	18	59	250	289	51	290	69	3,926	...	453	318	228	57	...	13,140	19,130	1,062
February	24	134	484	584	114	506	158	5,697	...	661	585	359	114	2	17,063	26,461	1,102
March ..	24	149	457	625	112	572	191	5,700	..	657	533	394	108	...	17,451	26,949	1,122
Totals ...	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	299,763	1,023

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902, inclusive.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	K—Specifications of Patents and Abridgments	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1901															
April ...	24	62	73	195	845	298	66	124	182	2,363	107	94	767	5,176	215
May ...	26	62	57	163	800	260	74	132	172	2,371	144	3	656	4,894	188
June ...	25	29	55	208	743	350	75	222	179	2,354	142	84	929	5,370	214
July ...	26	57	75	137	863	241	83	114	115	2,422	165	...	853	5,125	197
August ...	24	42	67	113	872	346	61	91	147	2,864	152	2	590	5,347	222
September	25	53	85	119	761	279	62	172	132	2,436	141	28	675	4,943	197
October ...	27	66	72	219	801	434	42	205	147	3,011	162	23	650	5,832	216
November	26	67	104	192	843	359	79	198	127	3,233	115	.	701	6,018	231
December	24	54	91	129	715	403	72	403	153	2,896	130	..	561	5,607	233
1902															
January ...	18	47	91	76	677	251	92	194	141	2,122	98	...	456	4,545	252
February	24	82	141	187	810	244	98	650	221	2,711	140	...	678	5,962	248
March ...	24	69	142	272	900	261	114	331	898	2,424	119	...	772	6,302	262
Totals –	293	690	1,053	2,010	9,630	3,726	918	3,136	2,614	31,207	1,615	234	8,288	65,121	222

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-five published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	...	...	...	125,059	347
1878 ...	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	...	...	...	123,496	427
1879 ...	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	...	...	...	118,805	458
1880 ...	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	...	...	...	171,851	578
1881 ...	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	...	...	...	162,048	566
1882 ...	289	1,850	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	...	...	..	182,321	630
1883 ...	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	...	...	179,506	612
1884 ...	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	...	...	...	164,568	594
1885 ...	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	...	...	...	158,604	556
1886 ...	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	...	...	.	160,823	564
1887 ...	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	...	...	...	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	...	...	...	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	...	...	...	138,177	670L. D. 116R. D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	...	...	...	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	...	...	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	...	...	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	...	...	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	53,366	1,811	...	...	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	...	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	...	302	135,436	325,361	915L. D. 216R. D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	...	459	184,319	377,552	1040L. D. 221R. D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074L. D. 209R. D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994L. D. 191R. D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069L. D. 209R. D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023L. D. 222R. D.
Totals—		28,072	81,563	185,646	15,616	83,227	44,434	1,648,177	39,391	230,347	657,171	949,403	90,916	2,442	1,450	1,701,095	5,759,950	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	...	7,908	...
1878 ...	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	..	..	...	9,906	1,998
1879 ...	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	..	...	...	11,261	1,355
1880 ...	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	...	...	...	12,721	1,460
1881 ...	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	...	...	...	14,009	1,288
1882 ...	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	..	..	...	15,519	1,510
1883 ...	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	...	...	...	17,042	1·523
1884 ...	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	...	...	...	19,506	2,464
1885 ...	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	.	...	...	20,908	1,402
1886 ...	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	...	...	...	22,972	2,064
1887 ...	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	...	...	...	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275		...	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895		.		28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320		...	...	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	...	..	...	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003		...	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	...	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897		...	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356		...	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	...	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	...	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	†250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	290	4,380	48,905	1,333

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII

†– Transferred to other Classes.

TABLE XI.

LAIRA BRANCH.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance from April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902.

Month.	Issue of Books.	Attendance in Reading Room.
1901.		
April	1,283	836
May	1,390	991
June	1,212	1,197
July	1,360	892
August	1,320	1,094
September ..	1,307	998
October	1,596	1,032
November ..	1,554	1,190
December ...	1,536	923
1902.		
January	1,629	944
February ...	1,521	907
March	1,565	1,034
Totals ...	17,273	12,038

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of School Libraries supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
,, ,,	Mixed	100
Compton National	Mixed	230
King Street	Boys	200
Laira	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,,	Girls	120
North Road	Girls	400
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,,	Girls	140
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	300
Regent Street	Higher Grade	500
St. Peter's	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,,	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3890

Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting

OF THE

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Held at Plymouth and Devonport, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th August, 1901.

By invitation of the respective Corporations, the Library Association held its annual meeting for the second time in the Three Towns, sixteen years having elapsed since the first meeting, and although the interval was somewhat lengthy there were many that could recall the enjoyable time spent in one of the largest naval stations in the world, and gladly renewed their visit to the West.

The following is a brief account of the proceedings :—

MONDAY, AUGUST 26th.—The members of the Reception Committee had rather a busy time between the hours of 3 and 10 p.m. Members poured in for their tickets, programmes, and other publications issued by the Council and by the Local Reception Committee. There was quite an interesting gathering in the Magazine Room of the Plymouth Library, which was set aside for the use of the members for the sale of tickets, for letter writing, and as an information bureau in general. During the afternoon and evening meetings of the Council and branches of the Association were held in the Reference Library.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27th.—The Conference commenced at 10 a.m. in the Western Law Court, when there were some two hundred and fifty members and lady friends present. The Mayor (Mr. J. A. Bellamy) attended to welcome the Association, supported by members of the local Reception Committee. The Mayor, addressing the visitors, offered to them, on behalf of the people of Plymouth, a hearty welcome. He recognised that the work of the Association was one of the most im-

portant in the country. As practical experts on education, it was obvious that their meetings and the papers they discussed must do a vast amount of good, remarking that he saw amongst the papers down for discussion some on reference libraries, a subject to which he attached considerable importance. He understood by this that librarians generally were recognising the great importance of assisting in every possible way technical education as applied to the local industries and trades. A great deal might be done in this direction. The facilities offered to the people generally since the establishment of free libraries had been very great; but one would like to see work a little more specialised, so that young artisans might be made to see the necessity of educating themselves in these days of competition, and it was right that money should be subscribed by the various municipalities, and that the public libraries should assist in every possible way by providing literature and text-books, so that young men, however poor, might be able to enjoy the same opportunities for learning as were possessed by those with plenty of money. He believed something had been done in this direction, and he had no doubt it would be developed still further. So far as Plymouth was concerned he was sure the Corporation would endeavour to bring the movement to a successful issue. In Plymouth they had very old Library buildings. He had read a paper on the Libraries of Plymouth by Mr. Wright, their enthusiastic librarian, of whom they were proud. Mr. Wright was specially qualified for his position, and it would be very difficult to find a better man in any part of the country. He then went on to allude to the inadequacy of the present library building, and held out the hope that some day the Corporation might do something in the way of providing a suitable building, summing up with a reference to Plymouth as a fighting and trading centre, now as in the days of valiant Drake.

Dr. Garnett briefly acknowledged the honour conferred upon the Association by the Mayor in inaugurating the proceedings, and returned thanks for his public welcome.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring President (the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry), the new President (Mr. G. K. Fortescue, keeper of the Printed Books, British Museum), then took the chair, and delivered his Presidential Address. He emphasised the importance of the work of the Association in raising the business of a librarian to the dignity of a

learned profession, and gave a brief account of the recent history of the British Museum Library, with particular reference to the completion of its printed catalogue.

A paper on "The Libraries, Public and Private, of Plymouth," by Mr. W. H. K. Wright, Borough Librarian, which had been printed and distributed amongst the members, was taken as read. The Plymouth Public Library was opened on August 30th, 1876, consequently the week of the Annual Meeting saw the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its birth.

Mr. Thomas Greenwood next read a paper on the life of Edward Edwards, the author of "Memoirs of Libraries," who was chiefly instrumental in securing the original establishment of Free Libraries.

Mr. Ernest A. Baker, M.A., Librarian Midland Railway Institute, Derby, contributed a paper (read in his absence by Mr. Crowther, Derby) on "Book Reviews; their Help and their Hindrances to Selection."

Mr. R. K. Dent, Librarian Aston Manor, read a paper on "The Librarian as a Help to the Reader."

Mr. John Minto, M.A., Librarian Sandeman Public Library, Perth, in the next paper dealt with "The Bibliography of Local Literature."

This concluded the reading of the papers.

At the invitation of the Reception Committee the visitors adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a luncheon was provided for them. In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Shelly, deputy chairman of the Free Library Committee, presided.

After the toast of "The King: Lord High Steward of Plymouth," had been honoured, Mr. Shelly supplemented the earlier remarks of the Mayor by also giving the Association a very hearty welcome to the ancient borough of Plymouth. He (Mr. Shelly) had a very pleasant memory of the former visit of the Association to Plymouth in 1885, and assured them it was a great pleasure to the Corporation and the Library Committee that they had accepted their invitation to again hold their annual meeting in the town. There were no long speeches to mar the pleasure of the function. Mr. Wright, in a few brief remarks, spoke of his sincere pleasure in seeing the Association again in "dear old Plymouth" after the lapse of sixteen years.

After the luncheon members broke up into parties, and visited the various local libraries and institutions, including the Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association, with its aquarium and library, and the Plymouth Institution, where the members took tea by invitation of the President and Council. After tea nearly a hundred of the party embarked on the steamer "Sir Francis Drake" for an excursion to view the Sound, the Hamoaze, passing the ships of war and dockyards, and proceeding as far as the Royal Albert Bridge, Saltash.

A Conversazione was given by the Reception Committee in the evening at the Guildhall, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion. The guests, to the number of nearly five hundred, were received, in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor and Mayoress, by Alderman and Mrs. J. Shelly.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th—The greater part of the second day's proceedings took place at Devonport. In the absence of the Mayor (Alderman Harman Graves) the members were received in the Free Library by Alderman G T. Rolston, a member of the Corporation Library Committee, when the following papers were read and discussed:—"Libraries of Devonport: Naval, Military, and Civil," by Mr. F. W. Hunt, Borough Librarian, Devonport, and joint hon. sec. of the Conference with Mr. Wright. The paper, which was taken as read, was printed in pamphlet form and circulated at the meeting.

Mr. Frank Pacy, Librarian St. George's Public Libraries, Westminster, and hon. sec of the Library Association, opened a series of three papers on "Reference Libraries" by one entitled "The Reference *versus* the Lending Department."

Mr. Stanley Jast, Librarian Croydon Public Libraries, read a paper on "How a Reference Library Issue was built up."

Mr. A. J. Caddie, Librarian Stoke-on-Trent Public Libraries, contributed a paper on "The Co-operation of Adjoining Towns for the establishment of Reference Libraries."

On behalf of Mr. J. J. Ogle, Director of Technical Instruction, Bootle, Mr. F. J. Burgoyne, Lambeth, read a paper on "The Mutual Relationship of Public Library and Technical School."

After the exhausting labours of the morning, the members adjourned to the Public Hall, where a luncheon was provided for them. At

1-30 the party were received at the Dockyard Gates by officials allotted for the purpose by Admiral Lord Charles Scott, Naval Commander in Chief. After visiting some of the fitting shops, the party passed the hull of the new battleship "Queen," which was laid down in the spring, and since launched by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

On arriving at the tenders the visitors divided into two parties, one party being conveyed to the Guardship "Nile," and the other to the "Defiance," the torpedo schoolship. After a very interesting visit to the two ships, the tenders returned to Keyham Dockyard, where the visitors passed through some of the fitting shops and saw the working of the powerful machinery. On returning tea was partaken of at the Public Hall, at the invitation of the Mayor of Devonport.

In the evening the ladies attended a concert on the Promenade Pier at Plymouth, whilst the gentlemen were engaged in the Western Law Court with the Annual Business Meeting of the Association.

Thursday, August 29th.—The members were photographed in the Guildhall Square in the morning, and adjourned for the final meeting to the Western Law Court. Here Dr. Garnett proposed the vote of thanks to the various receivers and entertainers in Plymouth. Mr. L. Acland Taylor, Librarian Museum and Library, Bristol, read a paper on "Shelf Classification: Ways and Means."

The next was a trilogy of papers on "Cataloguing and Catalogues," which, being printed, were taken as read. This closed the meeting, and members adjourned for light refreshment, provided in the Guildhall by the Local Reception Committee.

In the afternoon the members of the Association and the Reception Committee were the guests of the Mayor of Plymouth (Mr. J. A. Bellamy) in a delightful trip up the River Tamar to Cotehele, where, by the kind permission of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the party visited the house and saw the interesting exhibits in the hall and the chapel of the fine old Tudor building. The company, numbering nearly three hundred, embarked from the Promenade Pier in two steamers, each individual being provided by the Mayor with a chart of the Hamoaze, by means of which they were able to identify the various vessels and places of interest which came under observation. Admirable weather prevailed, and the naval attractions and scenic charms of the river were greatly appreciated.

In a marquee erected on the bowling green at Cotehele tea was provided. Owing to the exigencies of time, the original intention of proceeding further up the Tamar to Calstock was abandoned, and the members returned after a most enjoyable and interesting trip.

In the evening the Association dinner was held at Fowler's Hotel (new block). The President was in the chair, and the Mayor and principal members of the Reception Committee were amongst the guests.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th.—After the company had been photographed in Guildhall Square, about two hundred left, shortly after ten o'clock, in a number of well-horsed and comfortable brakes, and proceeded over Roborough Down to Tavistock, where luncheon was served at the Bedford Hotel. Afterwards the parish church, the abbey ruins, and library were visited, and then the drive was continued to Endsleigh, the beautiful cottage of the Duke of Bedford, arriving soon after three. They were then conducted by the head-gardener over the grounds and through the sub-tropical gardens and rose walk, past the cottage, and up the zig-zag slope to the upper drives. On the return to Tavistock tea was partaken of at the Bedford Hotel. A number preferred to return to Plymouth by rail, and the remainder arrived in Guildhall Square at ten o'clock, after having spent a most delightful day. This brought a highly successful meeting in the Three Towns to a close.

The expenses connected with the meeting, including the luncheons and other functions, were met by a special fund, a liberal response having been made to the appeal put forward by the Reception Committee. The officers of that Committee were as follows :—

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Layton, C. & E., London.
Leamann, F. C., Plymouth.
Lees, R. J., Plymouth.
Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A.
London University College, Delegates of.
Lowe, H. J.

Library Reports and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

Aberdeen.
Aguilar, New York.
Arbroath.
Ashton-under-Lyne.
Aston Manor.
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow.
Barrow-in-Furness.
Battersea.

LIST OF PRESENTATIONS—*continued.*

Belfast.
Birmingham.
Blackburn.
Blackpool.
Bodleian.
Bootle.
Boston.
Bradford.
Brentford.
Bristol.
Brookline, Mass., U.S.A.
Burnley Mechanics' Institute.
Buxton.
Camberwell.
Cardiff.
Carlisle.
Carnegie, Ayr.
Cheltenham.
Chiswick.
Chorley.
Clitheroe.
Colchester.
Columbia.
Cripplegate Foundation.
Croydon.
Derby.
Detroit.
Devonport.
Dewsbury.
Dukinfield.
Dundee.
Ealing.
Eastbourne.
Falmouth.
Finsbury.
Gloucester.
Gosport and Alverstoke.
G.W.R. Mechanics' Institute.
Great Yarmouth.
Hammersmith.
Hampstead.
Hanley.
Harlesden. Willesden.
Hereford.
Hornsey.
Jersey City, U.S.A.
Kettering.
Kidderminster.
Kilburn.
Kingston-upon-Thames.
Launceston.
Leeds.
Lewisham.
Lincoln.
Liverpool.
Longborough.
Longton.
Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.
Middlesborough.
Newark, N.J.
Newberry, Chicago, U.S.A.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
New South Wales.
New York Mechanic's Institute.
Norwich.
Nottingham.
Penarth.
Penge.
Peoria, Ill., U.S.A.
Perth.
Philadelphia, U.S.A.
Portsmouth.
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Preston.
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Redruth.
Richmond.
Rochdale.
Royal Leamington Spa.
St. Helens.
St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.
Salem, Mass., U.S.A.
Salford.
Shakespeare Memorial Library.
Shoreditch.
Smethwick.
Southampton.
Stafford.
Stirling and Glasgow.
Stoke Newington.
Tokyo, Japan.
Toronto.
Tottenham.
Twickenham.
Tynemouth.
Wallasey.
Walthamstow.
Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
West Bromwich.
West Ham.
West Hartlepool.
Westminster.
Whitechapel.
Wigan.
Wilkes Barre, U.S.A.
Willesden.
Wimbledon.
Wolverhampton.
Worcester.
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.
Workington.
York.

McKnight, E., Chorley.
Macmillan & Co., London.

Manchester Cotton Association.
Mand, Mrs. F., London.
Marine Biological Association, Plymouth.
May, W., Plymouth.
Maynard, J., Plymouth.
Mitchell & Co., C.
Morshead, J. Y. A.
Morton, J., Ayr.

Nicholson, H. M., Plymouth.
N.S.P.C.C., Secretary of the

Paton, J. & J., London.
Peace Union, London.
Pearse, Dr. W. H., Plymouth.
Peck, W. E., Birmingham.
Perry, G. B., Boston, U.S.A.
Perry & Co., W., London.
Plymouth Institution.
Plymouth Mercantile Association.
Plymouth School Board.
Plymouth Technical Schools.
Prickman, J. D.
Prowse, A. R.

Ray Society, London.
Read, H., Plymouth.
Registrar-General of Seamen, London.
Richmond, Sir W. B., London.
Rickword, G., Colchester.
Risk, Rev. J. Erskine.
Roberts, I., Crowborough.
Rosebery, Earl of
Rowe, J. Brooking, Plymouth.
Royal Colonial Institute.
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society.
Royal Institute of British Architects.

Saunders, H.
Schriner, T. L.
Sell, H., London.
Seymour, E. J., Plymouth.
Shelly, Alderman J., Plymouth.
Smith, John, Plymouth.
Smith Premier Typewriter Company.
Smithsonian Institution.
Somervail, A.
Swedenborg Society.

Thornton, Rev. W. H.
Trinity College, London.

United Devon Association.
U.S. Department of Agriculture.
U.S. Department of the Interior.

Venning, J., Callington.
Vernon, N. J., Plymouth.

Wade, W. Cecil, Plymouth.
Weekes, E. Lega.
Weekes, Philips, & Co., Plymouth.
Wood & Tozer, Devonport.
Worth, R. H., Plymouth.
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth.

Yate, Major A. C.

Also the Managers of the following Railways of Great Britain, and other Companies:—

ENGLISH RAILWAYS.

Great Central.
Great Eastern—Harwich Route.
Great Northern.
Great Western.
London and North-Western.
London and South-Western.
London, Brighton, and South Coast.
Midland.
North-Eastern.
South-Eastern.
Do. Continental.

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties.
Midland Great Western.

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian.
Glasgow and South-Western.
Great North of Scotland.
Highland.
North British.

GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist.
New Zealand Shipping Co.

LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables.
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables.
Millbrook Steamboat Time Tables.
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables.
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS.

* Presented by Publishers and others.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

African Critic	W
*Alliance News	W
*All the World	M
*Anglo-Russian	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	W
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Advocate	M
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W
*British Australasian (2 copies)	W
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
*Catholic Fireside	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Christian Endeavour	W
*Christian Life	W
Chums	W
*Church Bells and Illustrated Church News	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Church Weekly	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Civil Service Monthly	M
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornish Telegraph	W
Cornish Times	W
*Cornubian	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Express	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devonia	M
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
*Drapers' Record	W
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
*Electrical Investments	W
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
*Emmanuel Parish Magazine	M
Engineer	W
*English Churchman	W

English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
*Ex Libris Journal	M
Family Friend	M
*Food and Cookery	W
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Russia	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Girl's Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
Great Thoughts	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home	W
*Herald of the Golden Age	M
*Hotel	M
*Humanity	M
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
*Improvement Era	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Inventors' Review	M
*Investors' Guardian	W
Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	W
Judy	W
*Justice	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
*Ladies' League Gazette	M
Lady	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Leader (Melbourne)	W
*Leaves of Healing	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberty Review	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London, Seaside and Country	M
*London Stock Market Report	D & W
Longman's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Art	M
*Mariner	M
*Melbourne Age	D
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Millennial Star	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
Navy and Army	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Personal Rights Journal	M
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Plympton Gazette	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printers' Register	M
*Public Health	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen	W
*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Richmond & Twickenham Times	W
*Rock	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Sketch	W
*Smithfield Illustrated Monthly	M
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Sphere	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
*Sunday Closing Reporter	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	W
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
*Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
*Tuberculosis	M
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian	W
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (4 copies)	W
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
Western Figaro (2 copies)	W
*Western Guardian	W
*Western Independent (2 copies)	W
*Western Mail (Perth)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Temperance Herald	M
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Weston-Super-Mare Gazette	W
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine	M
Woman at Home	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
South-Eastern Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
Highland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
New Zealand Shipping Co.

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Millbrook Steamboat Company's Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Laira Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*All the World	M
*Aspirant	W
Black and White	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
Chums	W
Daily Graphic	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
English Illustrated Magazine	M
Good Words	M
Graphic	W
*Justice	W
Illustrated London News	W
Leisure Hour	M
Naval and Military Record	W
*New Era	W
Pall Mall Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
Penny Illustrated Paper	W
People	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch	W
Quiver	M
*Social Democrat	W
Standard	D
Strand Magazine	M
Sunday at Home	M
Western Daily Mercury	D
Western Evening Herald	D
Western Figaro	W
Western Independent	W
Western Morning News	D
Westminster Budget	W
Woman at Home	M
Work	W

Principal Donations to the Library,

1901—1902.

Lost Ten Tribes: Rev. J. Wild.
Predestination: A. K. Robinson.
Annual Reports of the Smithsonian Institution, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press, 1901, 1902.
Catalogue of the John Rylands Library. 4 Vols.
Hand List of Birds. Vol. II. (British Museum).
African Plants. 2 Vols. (British Museum).
Catalogue of Greek Sculpture. Vol. II. (British Museum).
Facsimiles of Biblical Manuscripts. (British Museum).
Catalogue of the Schreiber Collection of Playing Cards. (British Museum).
Catalogue of the Hebrew and Samaritan MS.S. Part I. (British Museum).
Seven Colonies of Australasia, 1899-1900.
London Marticulation Directory, 1901.
Peace or War in South Africa: A. M. S. Methuen.
Tailless Batrachians of Europe. Part I. (Ray Society).
Slings and Arrows: G. B. Perry.
Battle Abbey Roll. 3 Vols: The Duchess of Cleveland.
Year Book of Western Australia, 1901.
Plymouth Corporation Grammar School Magazine. Vols. I and II.
Election of Representatives: Thomas Hare.
Historisch-Geographisches: Dr. H. Osterly.
Historical Manuscripts Commission. Vols. I to IX.
Baker's Chronicle.
Corpus Poetarum. 2 Vols.
Monarchie of Man. 2 Vols: Sir John Eliot.
Apology for Socrates. 2 Vols: Sir John Eliot.
Letter Book of Sir John Eliot. 2 Vols: Sir John Eliot.
Breviarium Romanum. 4 Vols.
Modern India and Indians: M. Williams.
India for the Indians: W. Digby.
Royal Colonial Institute Proceedings, 1900-1901.
Celestial Photographs. Vol. II: I. Roberts.
Colchester's New Town Hall: W. Marriage.
Eastern Counties Pictorial Guide.
Peck's Circular, 1901.
Myles Standish: E. McKnight.
Transactions of the Plymouth Institution, 1900-1901.
The Heretic. 2 Copies. R. J. Lees.
Mystery of Human Suffering: John Maynard.
Incidents in the Life of John Maynard: John Maynard.
Life and its Phenomena: John Maynard.
Animated Nature: John Maynard.
Life of Billy Bray: John Maynard.
Resurrection of the Dead: John Maynard.
Directory of East Cornwall: J. Venning.
Pictorial and Commercial Plymouth: W. H. K. Wright.
How to Beat the Dutch, etc: Sir W. H. Bailey.
Kalendar of the Royal Institute of British Architects, 1901-02.
Trinity College London Calendar, 1901-02.
Trial of Sir R. C. D. Tichborne, Bart. 8 Vols.

Collingwood's Mercantile Directory, 1901.
Mate's Illustrated Plymouth: F. W. Hunt.
History of the Manchester Canal, 1708-1901.
Chase of De Wet: F. H. Howland.
Two Coutrymen in Council: Rev. W. H. Thornton.
Round the Zodiac: E. Derry.
Genealogical Magazine. Vols. I to IV.
Life of Lieut-Col. John Haughton: Maj. A. C. Yate.
Philo and the Angel: A. E. Bull.
Hate to Hate: F. S. Hallowes.
Journal of the Marine Biological Association. Vol. VI. No. III.
Plymouth Abstract of Accounts, 1900-1901: H. Bottomley.
Durham University Calendar, 1901-1902.
History of the Jamaica Case: W. F. Finlason.
Crane's London and Provincial Directory, 1901.
Tarantella; a Romance. 2 Copies. Mathilde Blind.
Dramas in Miniature: Mathilde Blind.
Incorporated Society of Musicians, Register of Members, 1902.
Newspaper Press Directory, 1902: C. Mitchell & Co.
Navy Estimates, 1902-1903.
Romance of Paradise: E. S. Gunn.
Perry's Mercantile Directory, 1902.
Year Book of Western Australia. 1902.
Year Book of New South Wales. 1902.
National Academy of Science. Vol. VIII.
Bennett's Business Directory, 1902.
Plymouth Incorporated Mercantile Association Year Book, 1902.
British Museum Catalogue (Supplement).

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

County-Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Sixth Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903).

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 11th, 1903.

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1903.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1902–1903.

Elected November 9th, 1902.

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Deputy-Chairman, &c.:

ALDERMAN JOHN SHELLY.

ALDERMAN T. G. GREEK WILLS

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Junior Assistants: L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON.

Attendant, Magazine-Room: A. S. JOSLIN.

Caretakers: ISAAC GOULD, E. BURLEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.

Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1902	111,130
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1902	£492,157
Income of the Library from the 1d. Rate, 1876	£670
,, ,, 1903 (estimated)	£1,960
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1903	50,534
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1902-1903	388,084
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1902	6,148,034
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1902-1903	2,466
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library	69,446
Number of Students' Tickets issued, 1902-1903	305

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The work of the Library continues as usual. Some valuable works have been added. The issue of Students' Tickets is continued, and it is satisfactory to note that the Reference Department is very largely used.

As all Departments are being used by a continually increasing number of persons from all parts of the Town, it becomes more evident that larger and more suitable premises in a more central situation are much required, but the Librarian and his staff do their best in circumstances that are sometimes difficult and discouraging.

JOHN SHELLY,

Deputy Chairman.

6th May, 1903.

Librarian's Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Plymouth and the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

My last Report dealt with the working of the Library in all departments up to the 31st March, 1902. In this, the Twenty-sixth Report, I have the pleasure of bringing up the details to the 31st March, 1903.

There is nothing of an exceptional character to bring before you ; the year's returns differ but little from those given in previous reports, but it is satisfactory to know that steady progress has been maintained.

During the past twelve months the additions to the Library have numbered 1,766 volumes, as will appear from Table I. You will notice, however, by that table, that a number of Books for the Blind were returned to the Society from whom they were borrowed, and the remainder (153 vols.) have been handed over to the custody of the Institution of the Blind, North Hill, there being little or no demand for them here. Roughly speaking, the additions to the Lending Library may be set down as 1,244 vols., and the additions to the Reference Library as 522 volumes. The Library now contains 50,534 volumes.

Naturally the largest increase was in the department of Fiction and Juvenile books, this accounting for 584 volumes. The next largest item was in Class A, a number of theological works having been given to the Library by the executors of the late Rev. Henry Wheeler. Nearly one hundred volumes were added to Class F, to fill up that section preparatory to the publication of the Catalogue of Poetry and the Drama. The Reference Library has been enriched by many valuable works, including the continuation of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" and the "Jewish Encyclopædia," as published. A material addition has also been made to our Musical Section, which is steadily growing in popularity.

The number of tickets issued during the year was 2,466, including Laira Branch, where there was a slight falling off, owing to the fact that building operations in connection with the School have prevented the Reading Room being freely used. This difficulty will shortly be removed. Students' tickets have been issued to 183 persons, bringing up the total of those tickets issued since February, 1902, to 305.

The total issues in all departments are 388,084 volumes, as set forth in Tables VII., VIII., IX., and may be summarised as follows :—

The issues in the Lending Department were 317,475 volumes, with a daily average of 1,076, against 299,763 volumes, and a daily average of 1,023 in the previous year, or an increase of 17,712 volumes. The increase is most marked in the higher classes of literature, as may be seen by a comparison of the returns for two successive years.

In the Reference Department the increase is again most noticeable, being 70,609 in 1902-3, as against 65,121 in the previous year, or a daily average of 237 as against 222 in the last report. The number of volumes issued and consulted since the opening of the Library has now reached the enormous total of 6,148,034.

With reference to the statistics of books circulated in the Schools, I am in correspondence with the Education Secretary of the Borough, and hope in a short time to be able to arrange for a more reliable return than is at present obtainable.

The catalogue of Class F has been printed during the year, and is now on sale, but the demand for it, up to the present, has been very slight. It is, however, a valuable addition to our Class Catalcgues, which are much in demand by readers and borrowers. I trust we may shortly have a revised Catalogue of Fiction, the last issue having long been exhausted. There only remain two small Classes to be prepared for publication, viz., Class A, Theology, etc., and Class D, Sociology, etc. These, I hope, we shall be able to publish during the present year. The M.S. Catalogues of all classes of the Lending Library are now all up-to-date, and I am now dealing with the additions to the Reference Library.

I regret to say that I have not seen my way to organise a series of Popular Library Lectures, as I proposed to you some months since, owing to the difficulty of giving up a room for the purpose without inconveniencing the regular frequenters of the Library.

Some necessary repairs have been made to the exterior of the building by the Corporation. Some renovation of the interior will be desirable during the present financial year.

I attended the Annual Meeting of Librarians held in Birmingham in September last ; and also, by your kind permission, visited Manchester on the 3rd of April this year, on the occasion of the Jubilee Commemoration to celebrate the opening of the Manchester Free Library. With the latter event I have dealt in a separate report.

The Library Committee is the loser by the removal of Rev. Prebendary Howard from the town, as he had been a member of the Committee for some years, and his advice was particularly valuable in the selection of books. His place has been taken by the Rev. W. Howard Coates.

The list of donations, which will be given as an appendix to this report, is a long and interesting one, amongst the principal donors being the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who sent a large parcel of the transactions of various local Societies ; H. E. Duke, Esq., K.C., M.P., who has given us a complete set of the recent Census Returns and a number of official Parliamentary publications ; and Alderman John Shelly has presented, from time to time, some valuable works

to the enrichment of our reference and local collections. As these donations are now regularly published in the minutes of the Library Committee I need not further enlarge upon them.

I have nothing more to add but to thank you for your unvarying kindness and support in the work in which I have been engaged for twenty-seven years.

Yours respectfully,

F. W. R. Wright

Plymouth, April 24th, 1903. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1902.	1903.	Increase in 1903.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1073	1286	213
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	2539	2615	76
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	3733	3841	108
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	789	814	25
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1698	1736	38
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1594	1688	94
G	Prose Fiction	6521	6796	275
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3146	3184	38
M	Music	119	187	68
R	Books for the Blind	290	*153	...
J, S, T	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	5437	5746	309
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	12694	13023	329
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ...	9022	9215	193
				1766
	*Deduct, returned to Publisher ...			137
	TOTALS ...	48905	50534	1629

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-five published Reports	66,980
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report, including the Laira Branch	2,466
	69,446

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned

Borrowers left the town	57
,, deceased	3
,, withdrawn	74
Want of time for reading	13
Guarantor withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	39
	188

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1903.

Under 15 years			167
From 15 to 20 years			414
,, 20 to 25 ,,			357
,, 25 to 30 ,,			235
,, 30 to 40 ,,			230
,, 40 to 50 ,,			139
,, 50 to 60 ,,			60
,, 60 upwards			63
Ages not recorded:	Burgesses	522	
,,	Non-Burgesses	279	
			801
			2466

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	9	38	47
St. Andrew's Ward	28	90	118
Hoe Ward	27	166	193
Millbay Ward	8	83	91
St. Peter's Ward	18	69	87
Frankfort Ward	25	74	99
Drake's Ward	26	114	140
Charles Ward	27	127	154
Greenbank Ward	46	116	162
Mutley Ward	105	270	375
Compton Ward	42	89	131
Laira Ward	114	223	337
Friary Ward	33	111	144
Sutton Ward	14	45	59
Non-Residents	0	54	54
Borrowers at Laira	77	198	275
	599	1,867	2,466

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1902–1903.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	200
Actors	2
Agents and Managers	47
Apprentices	66
Architects	2
Artists	4
Assistants, Shop	53
Bakers and Confectioners	14
Bank Clerks	19
Bookbinders	2
Booksellers and Stationers	10
Boot and Shoe Makers	7
Brass and Wire Worker	1
Bricklayers	6
Builders and Contractors	12
Butchers, &c.	7
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	40
Caretakers	3
Chemists, Druggist, &c.	17
Civil Service Officials	6
Clergy and Ministers	17
Coachmen, Grooms, &c	9
Commercial Travellers	38
Coopers	2
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	6
Cycle Makers	2
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	12
Dealers	10
Dentists	4
Domestic Servants	12
Drapers	25
Draughtsmen	3
Electricians	7
Engineers and Engine Fitters	50
Engravers and Lithographers	2
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	11
Fishermen	2
Foremen	4
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	10
Governess	8
Grocers and Tea Dealers	14
Hair Dressers	12
Housekeepers	10
Innkeepers	12
Inspectors	14
Ironmongers	5
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	20
Labourers and Porters	20
Laundresses	2
Lawyers, &c.	10
Lodging-house Keepers	5
Machinists	4
Mariners	5
Married Women (so specified)	60
Masons and Plasterers	4
Medical Men	8
Merchants and Manufacturers	14
Millers	3
Milliners and Dressmakers	32
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	14
Nurses	8
Officers, Army and Navy	50
Packers	3
Painters and Decorators	10
Pawnbrokers	4
Pensioners	18
Photographers	4
Plumbers and Gasfitters	10
Police Officers	6
Post Office Employees	29
Printers and Compositors	21
Railway Officials	22
Rope Makers	2
Saddlers	2
Sailmakers	3
Salesmen	8
School Children and Students	118
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	166
Shipwrights	6
Shopkeepers	3
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	8
Spinsters (so specified)	16
Storekeepers	4
Superintendents	4
Surveyors	5
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	24
Tobacconists	4
Typists	3
Upholsterers	2
Warehousemen	8
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	9
Wheelwrights	2
Widows (so specified)	14
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	850
Total	2,466

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1902.															*153	
April ...	26	145	450	633	103	584	309	6,061	708	645	433	112	153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution.	17,039	27,222	1,047
May ...	26	183	522	704	131	672	332	6,572	758	721	496	139		17,412	28,642	1,101
June ...	25	136	414	605	114	516	186	5,935	622	617	426	109		16,990	26,670	1,066
July ...	27	127	329	520	95	459	167	6,118	561	510	409	98		16,962	26,355	976
August ...	24	135	377	538	113	455	172	5,448	624	548	379	95		17,173	26,057	1,085
September	26	189	440	660	158	603	229	6,071	711	645	468	103		16,784	27,061	1,040
October ..	27	153	491	658	156	597	308	6,341	687	623	507	128		16,817	27,466	1,017
November	25	234	568	791	212	750	344	6,974	804	740	603	168		17,107	29,295	1,171
December	24	182	372	536	152	464	252	4,801	590	515	416	110		16,540	24,930	1,038
1903.																
January ..	15	145	342	417	139	417	196	4,186	466	483	377	135		9,004	16,307	1,087
February	24	185	557	722	219	700	327	6,381	760	718	589	207		17,073	28,438	1,184
March ...	26	219	484	705	174	718	358	7,128	788	709	629	210		16,757	28,879	1,110
Totals ...	295	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	8,079	7,474	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	317,475	1,076

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1902														
April ...	26	115	137	162	826	248	90	312	754	2,704	157	650	6,155	236
May ...	26	86	135	247	771	237	93	410	801	2,897	135	766	6,578	253
June ...	25	63	109	171	756	188	118	128	754	2,712	114	639	5,752	230
July ...	27	85	106	180	862	242	80	142	492	2,902	145	611	5,847	216
August ..	24	99	92	112	854	352	57	247	259	3,211	177	379	5,839	243
September	26	102	126	169	880	293	80	194	365	3,096	146	400	5,851	225
October ...	27	88	112	176	980	362	120	315	275	3,081	423	366	6,298	233
November	25	107	123	188	920	392	123	414	288	3,350	160	344	6,409	256
December	24	122	120	217	739	311	118	314	276	2,713	148	370	5,508	229
1903														
January ...	17	66	90	142	869	259	69	46	137	2,168	103	286	4,235	249
February	24	139	152	218	1084	358	143	97	220	2,980	157	330	5,878	244
March ...	26	145	178	255	968	407	175	103	212	3,281	169	366	6,259	240
Totals—	297	1,217	1,480	2,237	10509	3,649	1,266	2,752	4,833	35,125	2,034	5,507	70,609	237

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-six published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	...	...	...	125,059	347
1878 ...	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	...	...	...	123,496	427
1879 ...	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	...	...	...	118,805	458
1880 ...	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	...	...	...	171,851	578
1881 ...	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	...	...	...	162,048	566
1882 ...	289	1,850	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	...	...	..	182,321	630
1883 ...	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	...	...	179,506	612
1884 ...	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	...	...	...	164,568	594
1885 ...	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	...	...	...	158,604	556
1886 ...	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	...	..	.	160,823	564
1887 ...	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	...	...	.	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	...	...	...	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	...	...	.	138,177	670L.D. 116E.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	...	.	.	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	...	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	...	.	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	...	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	53,366	1,811	...		144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..	.	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	...	302	135,436	325,361	915L.D. 216E.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	613	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	...	459	184,319	377,552	1040L.D. 221E.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074L.D. 209E.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994L.D. 191E.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069L.D. 209E.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023L.D. 222E.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	...	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076L.D. 237E.D.
Totals—		30,105	86,909	193,135	17,382	90,162	47,614	1,720,193	39,391	238,426	664,545	1,020,012	96,648	4,056	1,603	1,896,753	6,148,034	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	...	7,908	...
1878 ...	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	...	...	...	9,906	1,998
1879 ...	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	...	...	...	11,261	1,355
1880 ...	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	...	...	...	12,721	1,460
1881 ...	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	...	...	...	14,009	1,288
1882 ...	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	...	...	...	15,519	1,510
1883 ...	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	...	...	...	17,042	1,523
1884 ...	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	...	...	...	19,506	2,464
1885 ...	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	...	...	...	20,908	1,402
1886 ...	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	...	...	...	22,972	2,064
1887 ..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	...	...	...	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	...	...	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	...	...		28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	...	...	...	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	...	...	...	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	...	...	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	...	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	...	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	...	...	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	...	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	...	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	290	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	†250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

†—Transferred to other Classes.

TABLE XI.

LAIRA BRANCH.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance from April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.

Month.	Issue of Books.	Attendance in Reading Room.
1902.		
April	1,682	878
May	1,624	1,117
June	1,506	895
July	1,587	894
August	1,352	870
September ..	1,317	647
October	1,427	654
November ..	1,284	857
December ...	1,197	730
1903.		
January	1,317	923
February ...	1,203	722
March ..	1,314	804
Totals ..	16,810	9,991

TABLE XII

The following is a list of School Libraries supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Girls	100
,, ,,	Mixed	200
Compton National	Mixed	230
King Street	Boys	200
Mount Street	Boys	200
,, ,,	Girls	120
North Road	Girls	300
Oxford Street	Boys	200
Palace Court	Boys	150
,, ,,	Girls	140
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	300
Regent Street	Higher Grade	500
St. Peter's	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Girls	100
Treville Street	Boys	150
Union Street	Boys	250
,, ,,	Girls	150
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		3590

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ON THE

Manchester Jubilee Commemoration.

To the Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

By your authority and permission I attended the proceedings in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the Manchester Free Libraries on the 2nd and 3rd of April. The event was a memorable one, and the proceedings of unusual interest.

On Thursday, the 2nd instant, a Reception was given by the Lord Mayor in the Town Hall, the guests numbering over one thousand. Among those invited were many Librarians and others connected with Library administration.

The proceedings on Friday commenced with a public meeting in the Whitworth Hall, Owen's College, presided over by Councillor Plummer (Chairman of the Libraries' Committee). The speakers on this occasion included Dean Maclure, Professor W. Macneill Dixon (President of the Library Association), Dr. Richard Garnett, Principal Hopkinson (of Owen's College), Sir James Crichton Browne, F.R.S., Sir Frederick Bridge, M.V.O., Professor Boyd Dawkins, and other.

Addresses of congratulations were presented from many Institutions, local and distant.

After the meeting a luncheon was given at the Town Hall, by the Lord Mayor, who was supported by the Earl of Lytton, Sir W. H. Holland, M.P., Mr. W. J. Galloway, M.P., Sir Frank Forbes Adams, Dr.

Garnett, Sir James Hoy, Sir William Bailey, Sir James Crichton Browne Sir J. F. Bridge, Sir Lewis Morris, Mr John Albert Bright, and many others.

In the afternoon a visit was paid to the John Rylands' Library, where the unique Caxtons and other rarities were displayed for the delectation of the visitors.

At 6-30, the Lord Mayor entertained a small company at dinner at the Town Hall, to which I was honoured with an invitation. There were no speeches.

Later in the evening a public meeting was held in the Free Trade Hall, under the presidency of Lord Avebury. The great Hall was nearly full, and the proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character. In addition to the chairman, addresses were delivered by Lord Lytton, the Lord Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Moorhouse), Sir W. H. Houldsworth, M.P., Sir James Crichton Browne, Sir W. B. Forwood, Miss Burstall, and others. The speeches throughout the day were of a very high standard, and all the proceedings were of a most thorough and enthusiastic character.

On Saturday morning a few Librarians visited one of the most recently established Branch Libraries, about three miles from the Central, and were much impressed with the excellent arrangements made, not only for adults, but for children of both sexes, for whom were provided, not only books but games and gymnastic appliances.

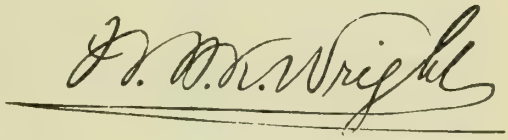
We also visited the Manchester School of Technology, one of the finest in Europe. It was opened in October last.

It transpired that the City Corporation have just agreed to purchase the site of the Manchester infirmary at a cost of £400,000, and propose to erect thereon a Museum and Library equal to anything out of London.

I may add that my visit to Manchester was of great interest, and I believe that the hints I received from my colleagues from different parts of the kingdom will be of no small value to me in the furtherance of our own local plans.

I append copy of letter which I have received from the local authorities at Manchester who entertained us.

Yours respectfully,



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TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER,
14th April, 1903.

DEAR SIR,

"On behalf of the Corporation of Manchester, we desire to express to you our sincere appreciation of your kindness in responding to the invitation to take part in the Jubilee of our Public Libraries. The Commemoration, memorable and important in itself, has derived additional lustre from the countenance and support of so many distinguished men of letters and others interested in Library Work The Corporation are extremely sensible of the honour you have conferred upon our City by your presence and co-operation on this occasion.

A Memorial Volume, containing a complete account of the proceedings and Verbatim Reports of the Addresses, will be issued with as little delay as possible, and a copy will be forwarded to you by our Chief Librarian, Mr. C. W. Sutton. In asking your acceptance of this volume we venture to hope it will not only be found an interesting reminiscence of the Jubilee Celebrations, but will also serve as a little token of our gratitude."

Yours faithfully,

JOHN ROYLE,
Lord Mayor.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

County-Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Seventh Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1903, to March 31st, 1904).

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 9th, 1904.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1903—1904.

Elected November 9th, 1903.

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Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.

Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch: THOMAS POTTER.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1903	113,020
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1903-1904	£505,290
Income of the Library from the 1d. Rate, 1876	£670
,, ,, 1904 (estimated)	£2,009
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1904	52,537
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1903-1904	400.314
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1904	6,548,348
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1903-1904	2,607
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library	72,053
Number of Students' Tickets issued, 1903-1904	180

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The work of the Library is steadily continued. Students make more use of it, and there is a larger issue of books to Schools. The Reference Department is more largely used than ever.

The Branch Reading Room at Laira, and the Reading Room opened during the past year at the Salisbury Road Schools are well attended, and it is to be hoped that a Reading Room may soon be opened at the Hyde Park Schools for the use of the inhabitants of the Mutley and Compton districts.

The work of the Librarian and his staff continues to deserve all praise.

JOHN SHELLY,

Deputy Chairman.

5th May, 1904.

Librarian's Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Plymouth and the Members of the Free Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

IN calling your attention to the following statistical tables, recording the working of this Institution during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1904, I have very little of novelty to report.

The year has been one of quiet progress and steady work in all departments. The popularity of the Library has, however, been well maintained, as may be gathered from the particulars given herewith.

During the year 2,003 volumes have been added to the permanent stock of the Library, viz. : 1487 volumes to the Lending Library, and 516 to the Reference Library, which includes the Local or Devon and Cornwall collection. The Library now contains 52,537 volumes.

The largest increase has been in the case of books intended for our School Libraries. This has been necessitated by the large circulation in these Libraries, and the addition of a number of Elementary Schools which have now come under the control of the Education Authority, not previously supplied by the School Board.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued since the last report has been 2,607. Of these 180 were Students' Tickets, and 302 issued at

the Laira Branch. Full particulars are given in Table II. The total number of Tickets issued since the opening of the Library is 72,053.

Tables III., IV., V., VI. show respectively the ages, occupations, and residential distribution of recently enrolled Borrowers with other particulars. According to Tables VII., VIII., IX. it will be seen that the total issues of books in all departments since the last report to the 31st March, 1904, have amounted to 400,314 volumes, which may be briefly summarised as follows :

Lending Department : 329,450 vols. Daily average, 1,120.
Reference Department : 70,864 vols. Daily average, 239.

In the previous year the issues in the Lending Department were 317,475, daily average 1,076 ; and in the Reference Department, 70,609 vols., daily average, 237 ; giving an increase in one case of 11,975, and the other of 255, or a total increase of 12,230 The aggregate issues (books borrowed and consulted since the opening of the Library,) amount to 6,548,348 volumes.

It is satisfactory to note the satisfactory increase in the issue of Scientific and Literary works, and this is undoubtedly due to the Students' Tickets, which enable borrowers to obtain two works instead of one as before, provided one of these is not a work of fiction.

The attendance in the News Rooms, Magazine Room, and at the Ladies' Table is good, and at times some of the rooms are inconveniently crowded. The Reference Library is also much more in demand by bona fide students than in previous years.

The Laira Branch Evening Reading Room still retains its popularity, the slight decrease in the issues of books having been caused by the compulsory closing of the rooms for some days during the rearrangement of the School Departments consequent upon the opening of the new building. The evening attendance, however, shows an increase ; the number of new tickets issued is also an advance upon the previous year.

On the 11th March, 1904, a Branch Evening Reading Room was opened at the Salisbury Road Schools, the spacious and convenient

Reception Hall having been granted by the Education Authority for the use of the Library Committee. The formal opening was made by the Mayor, as chairman of the Library Committee. His Worship was supported by Alderman J. T. Bond, chairman of the Education Authority, and several members of that body, by the Rev. Samuel Vincent, Mr. W. H. Jago, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. S. Stephens, and Mr. Harold Wolferstan, as representing the Library Committee, several members of the Town Council, and others.

Brief addresses were delivered, and the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily. Up to the present the attendance at the Reading-room has been good, and it is earnestly hoped that the Branch may meet the requirements of the inhabitants of that populous district, and that it will be followed, at no distant date, by the opening of a similar room at the Hyde Park Schools, now approaching completion.

As regards the School Libraries (Table XII.), we are now supplying several additional schools, particulars of which are set out in the table. The total number of books in circulation is at present 2,590, but when all the schools are supplied the number will be a little over 4,000.

Your Librarian gave a detailed Report on the School Libraries in November last, which was presented to the Committee, and incorporated with the minutes of the Council in the following month.

During the year one more Class Catalogue has been published, this being a revised list (under authors only) of all the works of Fiction in the Library. The publication of this Catalogue has been much appreciated by our borrowers. I hope shortly to deal with the remaining Classes A and D, representing respectively Theology and Religion, and Sociology. These are small classes, and might very well be incorporated in one Catalogue.

At an early date I would recommend the publication of a Supplementary Catalogue to contain all the additions to the Library (Lending Department) since the issue of the various Class Catalogues. This, with a revised Catalogue of the Reference Department and a Supplementary Catalogue of the Local or Devon and Cornwall collection, would make the printed Catalogue of the Library complete up-to-date.

As opportunity offers I am preparing a Card Catalogue of the Local Collection, which I hope eventually to extend to the other departments of the Library; but this will, of course, be of use only to readers in the Library.

I attended, by your permission, the meeting of the Library Association, held at Leeds in September, 1903, and took part in the discussions, which were of more than ordinary importance and interest. One question, to which a whole day was devoted, was the Relationship between the Public Library and the Elementary School, a matter in which I have for many years taken a great interest. The Association also visited York and Harrogate. Next year's meeting will be at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I also attended, early in the year, the inaugural meeting of the Bristol and Western District Library Association, which was held at Bristol. I am hopeful, ere long, of forming a branch of the Association for Devon and Cornwall, having Plymouth for its centre.

The additions to the Library during the past year have included many important works; a few by gift, but the greater part by purchase. A list of the principal additions to the various Classes will be given in the Appendix to this report.

In January last, during the Annual Closing for Stock-taking, the Indicator was enlarged and re-arranged. It is now in good working order, and has space sufficient for several years accessions.

Several alterations have taken place in the personnel of the Committee, and one or two slight changes have been made in the staff.

In concluding this, my Twenty-seventh Report, I desire to thank the members of the Committee for their kindness and consideration, and for the assistance they have rendered to me in the carrying out of my duties.

Yours respectfully,

F. W. R. Wright

Plymouth, April 20th, 1904. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1903.	1904.	Increase in 1904.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1286	1302	16
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	2615	2694	79
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ..	3841	3940	99
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ..	814	827	13
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1736	1780	44
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1688	1723	35
G	Prose Fiction	6796	7130	334
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3184	3261	77
M	Music	187	188	1
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	...
J, S, T	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	5746	6535	789
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	13023	13387	364
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ...	9215	9367	152
	TOTALS ...	50534	52537	2003

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-six published Reports	69,446
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,125
Students' Tickets	180
Laira Branch	302
	72,053

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned

Borrowers left the town	96
,, deceased	6
,, withdrawn	64
Want of time for reading	9
Guarantor withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	32
	209

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1904.

Under 15 years		221
From 15 to 20 years		586
,, 20 to 25 ,,		321
,, 25 to 30 ,,		168
,, 30 to 40 ,,		165
,, 40 to 50 ,,		95
,, 50 to 60 ,,		42
,, 60 upwards		43
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	655	
,, Non-Burgesses	311	
		966
		2607

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	11	51	62
St. Andrew's Ward	20	95	115
Hoe Ward	30	170	200
Millbay Ward	18	70	88
St. Peter's Ward	20	50	70
Frankfort Ward	21	102	123
Drake's Ward	34	131	165
Charles Ward	25	104	129
Greenbank Ward	34	134	168
Mutley Ward	81	286	367
Compton Ward	44	113	157
Laira Ward	112	273	385
Friary Ward	29	111	140
Sutton Ward	13	53	66
Non-Residents	—	70	70
Borrowers at Laira	108	194	302
	600	2,007	2,607

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1903–1904.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	282
Agents and Managers	54
Apprentices	17
Architects	5
Artists	3
Assistants, Shop	35
Bakers and Confectioners	11
Billiard Markers	2
Bookbinders	3
Booksellers and Stationers	7
Boot and Shoe Makers	5
Brass and Wire Workers	6
Bricklayers	2
Builders and Contractors	13
Butchers, &c.	4
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, & Joiners	44
Caretakers	2
Cashiers	6
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	13
Civil Service Officials	4
Clergy and Ministers	21
Commercial Travellers	35
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	8
Cycle Makers	1
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	11
Dealers	6
Dentists	7
Domestic Servants	15
Drapers	33
Draughtsmen	2
Electricians	12
Engineers and Engine Fitters	49
Engravers and Lithographers	1
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	14
Fishermen	3
Foremen	6
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	13
Governess	4
Grocers and Tea Dealers	16
Hair Dressers	16
Housekeepers	9
Innkeepers	8
Inspectors	8
Ironmongers	7
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	7
Labourers and Porters	20
Laundresses	2
Lawyers, &c.	7
Lodging-house Keepers	7
Machinists	3
Mariners	5
Married Women (so specified)	63
Masons and Plasterers	7
Medical Men	8
Merchants and Manufacturers	8
Milliners and Dressmakers	29
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	10
Nurses	5
Officers, Army and Navy	36
Packers	2
Painters and Decorators	15
Pawnbrokers	3
Pensioners	17
Photographers	14
Plumbers and Gasfitters	12
Police Officers	4
Post Office Employees	18
Printers and Compositors	35
Railway Officials	20
Saddlers	1
Sailmakers	2
Salesmen	13
School Children and Students	204
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	177
Sculptors	2
Shipwrights	12
Shopkeepers	10
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	3
Spinsters (so specified)	13
Storekeepers	6
Superintendents	10
Surveyors	6
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	26
Tobacconists	5
Typists	1
Upholsterers	4
Warehousemen	13
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	13
Widows (so specified)	12
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	894
Total	2,607

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1903, to March 31st, 1904, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1903.															*153	
April ...	24	198	379	588	127	578	259	6,555	634	645	516	170	* 153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution.	16,789	27,438	1,143
May ...	26	181	372	506	104	507	253	6,735	582	637	518	147		17,100	27,642	1,063
June ...	25	197	416	553	117	604	261	6,538	712	718	546	155		16,742	27,559	1,102
July ...	27	235	478	688	156	633	371	8,534	838	950	601	165		16,818	30,467	1,128
August ...	25	228	455	685	143	656	384	9,295	839	1,038	542	178		16,735	31,178	1,247
September	26	173	464	613	143	587	304	6,890	765	810	615	197		16,900	28,461	1,094
October..	27	167	492	668	147	673	353	7,682	818	913	621	181		17,214	29,929	1,108
November	25	194	496	684	151	647	341	7,550	848	1,130	676	201		16,881	29,799	1,191
December	25	142	357	515	99	468	234	5,824	660	996	515	143		16,814	26,767	1,070
1904.																
January ..	12	102	265	350	73	374	169	3,983	447	676	345	90		7,562	14,436	1,203
February	25	217	552	728	155	645	335	7,382	917	1,378	694	206		13,316	26,525	1,061
March ...	27	225	525	780	165	738	396	9,180	965	1,594	765	254		13,509	29,096	1,077
Totals ...	294	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	9,025	11,485	6,954	2,087	153	186,380	329,450	1,120

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1903, to March 31st, 1904, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1903														
April ...	24	121	162	153	821	330	119	118	202	2,946	178	317	5,467	227
May ...	26	144	168	264	946	382	145	137	186	3,349	182	388	6,291	241
June ...	25	188	229	271	884	290	138	149	271	3,113	153	369	6,055	242
July ...	27	164	201	260	920	294	195	190	253	3,180	181	484	6,322	234
August ...	25	149	197	217	811	300	166	281	332	3,031	222	458	6,164	228
September	26	129	207	207	958	308	156	198	301	3,079	176	498	6,217	239
October ...	27	127	258	298	1047	314	179	251	329	3,197	231	467	6,698	248
November	25	161	167	232	967	280	173	165	263	2,903	214	437	5,962	238
December	25	112	192	229	884	277	122	153	293	2,817	238	386	5,703	228
1904														
January ...	14	90	105	184	607	234	119	168	200	1,729	187	179	3,802	271
February	25	144	168	261	848	315	113	171	289	2,988	191	433	5,954	238
March ...	27	139	172	329	825	420	152	212	278	3,043	213	446	6,229	230
Totals—	296	1,668	2,226	2,905	10,518	3,744	1,807	2,196	3,197	35,375	2,366	4,862	70,864	239

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the twenty-seven published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3,699	12,057	514	2,252	1,618	62,499	2,732	7,968	18,047	9,087	3,897	...	...	...	125,059	347
1878 ...	289	730	2,824	8,809	356	1,694	1,215	71,709	1,878	7,024	16,695	6,709	3,853	...	...	...	123,496	427
1879 ...	259	1,051	3,197	8,896	510	3,169	1,877	65,794	2,328	9,259	14,842	4,466	3,416	...	...	...	118,805	458
1880 ...	297	1,858	4,837	10,954	749	4,111	2,758	84,068	2,859	14,036	24,335	17,025	4,261	...	...	...	171,851	578
1881 ...	286	1,837	4,475	9,943	1,081	4,459	3,292	79,365	3,105	14,054	19,755	17,323	3,359	...	...	...	162,048	566
1882 ...	289	1,850	5,252	11,832	1,088	5,517	3,528	81,525	2,755	16,193	20,963	27,095	4,723	...	...	...	182,321	630
1883 ...	293	1,732	5,318	11,575	910	5,596	3,585	78,087	2,708	14,864	21,939	29,012	4,180	..	...	...	179,506	612
1884 ...	277	1,380	5,100	9,193	655	4,410	2,919	71,310	2,322	13,537	20,068	30,473	3,201	...	...	...	164,568	594
1885 ...	285	1,367	3,722	7,943	696	3,728	2,555	70,408	2,075	10,792	19,124	32,782	3,412	...	...	...	158,604	556
1886 ...	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	...	...	..	160,823	564
1887 ...	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	...	...	...	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	...	...	...	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	...	...	...	138,177	670L.D. 116R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	...	...	...	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,835	...	...	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	...	...	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	...	...	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	53,366	1,811	...	...	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	...	...	128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	...	302	135,436	325,361	915L.D. 216R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	...	459	184,319	377,552	1040L.D. 221R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074L.D. 209R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994L.D. 191R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069L.D. 209R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1023L.D. 222R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	...	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076L.D. 237R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	...	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186,380	400,314	1120L.D. 239R.D.
Totals—		32,364	92,160	200,493	18,962	97,272	51,274	1,806,341	39,391	247,451	676,130	1,090,876	103,602	7,143	1,756	2,083,133	6,548,348	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	...	7,908	...
1878 ...	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	...	...	...	9,906	1,998
1879 ...	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	...	...	...	11,261	1,355
1880 ...	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	...	...	...	12,721	1,460
1881 ...	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	...	...	...	14,009	1,288
1882 ...	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	...	...	...	15,519	1,510
1883 ...	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	...	...	...	17,042	1,523
1884 ...	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	...	...	...	19,506	2,464
1885 ...	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	...	...	...	20,908	1,402
1886 ...	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	...	...	...	22,972	2,064
1887 ...	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	...	...	...	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	...	...	...	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	...	...		28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	...	...	...	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	...	...	...	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	...	...	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	...	.	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	933	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,065	6,897	..	...	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	..	...	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	...	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	...	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	290	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2,694	3,940	827	1,780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII

TABLE XI.

LAIRA BRANCH.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Issue of Books.		Attendance in Reading Room.	
	1902-3.	1903-4.	1902-3.	1903-4.
April	1,682	1,292	878	694
May	1,624	1,280	1,117	829
June	1,506	1,270	895	848
July	1,587	1,365	894	856
August	1,352	944	870	557
September ..	1,317	1,387	647	901
October	1,427	1,443	654	946
November ..	1,284	1,340	857	874
December ...	1,197	1,363	730	864
January	1,317	1,354	923	953
February ...	1,203	1,384	722	916
March	1,314	1,575	804	1,075
Totals ...	16,810	15,997	9,991	10,313

Borrowers.		*Issues.*		*Attendance.*	
1903-4 ...	302	1902-3 ...	16,810	1903-4 ...	10,313
1902-3 ...	276	1903-4 ...	15,997	1902-3 ...	9,991
Increase .	26	Decrease ...	813	Increase ...	322

TABLE XII

The following is a list of School Libraries supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	50
* ,,	Girls	50
*Christ Church	Boys	50
Compton	Mixed	100
*Grey Coat	Boys	50
,, ,,	Girls	100
*Holy Cross	Boys	100
*Holy Trinity	Boys	60
* ,, ,,	Girls	60
*Household of Faith	Girls	50
*Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
* ,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Oxford Street	Boys	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	200
Regent Street	Higher Grade	450
*St. Andrew's	Boys	75
* ,,	Girls	75
*St. Boniface	Boys	50
*St. Catherine's	Boys	25
* ,,	Girls	25
*St. James'	Boys	100
* ,,	Girls	100
*St. John's	Boys	120
* ,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
* ,, ,,	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		4,350

* These Schools will be supplied when cupboard accommodation is provided.

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1903-1904.

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Bailey, Sir W. H., Cheshire.
Balkwill, A. P., Plymouth.
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Collard, G., Canterbury.
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Corporation of Great Yarmouth.
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Dainty, John.
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Department of Agriculture, U.S.A.
Department of the Interior, U.S.A.
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Dowson, W.
Duke, H. E., K.C., M.P., London.
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Göhre, P.
Gould, J. C., London.
Greenwood, W. N., Lancaster.

Hallier, Dr., Hamburg.
Hems, Harry; Exeter.
His Majesty's Government.
Holinsworth, C. B., London.

Incorporated Society of Musicians.

Jessett, M. G., Enfield.
Johnson, C. R., London.

Kelly's Directories, Ltd., London.

Lach-Syrma, Rev. W. S., Ilford, Essex.
Layton, C. & E., London.
Leamann, F. C., Plymouth.
Lethbridge, Sir Roper, Exbourne.
Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A.
London University College, Delegates
Luke, C., Plymouth.

Library Reports, Bulletins, and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

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Acton.
Aguilar, New York.
Ashton-under-Lyne.
Aston Manor.
Barrow-in-Furness.
Battersea.
Belfast.
Birmingham.
Bishopsgate Foundation.
Blackburn.
Blackpool.
Bodleian.
Bolton.
Bootle.
Boston, U.S.A.
Bournemouth.
Bradford.
Brentford.
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Cheltenham.
Chiswick.
Chorley.
Clitheroe.
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Cork.
Croydon.
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Devonport.
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Dukinfield.
Ealing.
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Falmouth.
Finsbury.
Fletcher, Burlington, Vermont.
Folkstone.
Fulham.
Gilstrap, Newark-on-Trent.
Gloucester.
Gosport and Alverstoke.
Great Yarmouth.
Hamilton, Canada.
Hammersmith.
Hanley.
Harlesden, Willesden.
Hornsey.
Hove.
Hyde.
John Ryland's, Manchester.
Kensal Rise.
Kettering.
Kidderminster.
Kilburn.
Kimberley, S.A.
Kingston-upon-Thames.
Leeds.
Leicester.
Leyton.
Lincoln.
Liverpool.
Longton.
Loughborough.
Manchester.
Middlesbrough.
New South Wales.
New York Mechanic's Institute.
New York State Library.
Newark, N.J.
Newcastle.
Nicholson's Institute, Leek.
Norwich.
Nottingham.
Nunhead.
Oldbury.
Osterhout, Wilkes Barré, U.S.A.
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Smethwick.
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Stirling's and Glasgow.
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Tokyo, Japan.
Toronto, Canada.
Tottenham.
Twickenham.
Tynemouth.
Victoria, W. Australia.
Wallasey.
Walsall.
Walthamstow.
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Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Watford.
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Westminster.
Wigan.
Willesden.
Wimbledon.
Wolverhampton.
Worcester.
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.
Workington.
York.

Mabin, F., Plymouth.
Macdonald & Co., W., London.
MacFadeyn, Rev. G., Saltash.
Macmillan & Co., London.
Marine Biological Association, Plymouth.
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Maynard, John; Plymouth.
Mellor, C. J.
Mitchell & Co., C., London.

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Osborn, Rev. F. W., Plymouth.

Paton, J. & J., London.
Pearse, Dr. W. H., Plymouth.
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Phillips, F., Plymouth.
Pratt, Tinsley.
Plymouth Education Authority.
Plymouth Institution.

Quaritch, Bernard, London.
Registrar-General of Seamen, Londo.
Rice, R. Garraway.
Royal Colonial Institute.
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society.
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Sandow, E., London.
Saunders, W., Ottawa.
Sell, H., London.
Shelly, Alderman J., Plymouth.
Smith, John, Plymouth.
Smithsonian Institution.
Society of Arts, London.
Stock, Elliot; London.
Stubbs & Co., London.
Sutton, C. W., Manchester.
Swansea Devonian Society.
Swinton, A. H.

Thompson, S. E., Swansea.
Trinity College, London.
Turnbull, M. P., London.

United Devon Association.

Wade, W. Cecil, Plymouth.
Waring & Co., H. J., Plymouth.
Washington Government, U.S.A.
Webb & Adey, Messrs., Plymouth.
Weekes, Philips, & Co., Plymouth.
Welcker, A., San Francisco.
Wharton, F. P.
Whitley, H. M.
Willey, H. A.
Winget, W., Torquay.
Woodhouse, H. B. S., Plymouth.
Wooldridge, H., Stourbridge.
Wright, W. H. K., Plymouth.

Young, Sir F., K.C.M.G., London.

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North-Eastern.
South-Eastern.
Do. Continental.

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties.
Midland Great Western.

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian.
Glasgow and South-Western.
Great North of Scotland.
Highland.
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GENERAL TIME TABLES.

British India Steam Navigation Co.
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Cook's Excursionist.
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LOCAL TIME TABLES.

Great Western Railway Local Time Tables.
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables.
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables.

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*American Printer	M
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	M
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*Aspirant	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel (2 copies)	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W
*British Australasian (2 copies)	W
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
*Buddhism	Q
Builder	W
Building News	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Cassell's Magazine	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M
*Catholic Fireside	W
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal	M
*Charles Parish Magazine (2 copies)	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Christian Endeavour Times	W
*Christian Life	W
Chums	W
*Church Bells and Illustrated Church News	W
*Church in the West (2 copies)	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	Q
Conniosseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornubian	W
Country Life	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle	D
Daily Express	D
Daily Graphic (2 copies)	D
Daily Mail	D
Daily News	D
Daily Telegraph	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devonia	M
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
*Emmanuel Parish Magazine	M
Engineer	W
Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine	M
English Mechanic	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Family Friend	M
Field	W
*Food and Cookery	W
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Russia	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Genealogical Magazine	M
Gentlewoman	W
Girl's Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words	M
Graphic (2 copies)	W
Great Thoughts	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home	W
*Herald of Health	M
*Herald of the Golden Age	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (2 copies)	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Inventors' Review	M
*Investors' Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
Judy	W
*Justice	W
King and His Navy and Army	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
*Ladies' League Gazette	M
Lady	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
Land and Water	W
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Laundry Journal	F
*Leaves of Healing	W
Leisure Hour	M
*Liberty Review	M
Library World	M
Literary World	W
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London, Seaside and Country	M
*London Stock Market Report	D & W
Longman's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
*Machinery User's Journal	M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Art	M
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Millennial Star	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post	D
*Motor Cycle	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
*National Cyclists' Union Review	M
*National Service Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
Nineteenth Century	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patents	M
Pearson's Magazine	M
Pearson's Weekly	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Pilot	W
Plympton Gazette	W
*Poor-Law Officer's Journal	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printers' Register	M
*Public Health Engineer	W
Public Opinion	W
Punch	W
Quarterly Review	Q

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Queen	W
*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver	M
*Railway Review	W
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Richmond & Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine (2 copies)	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Sketch	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Speaker	W
Spectator	W
Sphere	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home	M
*Sunday Closing Reporter	M
Sunday Magazine	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	M
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
*Trade Marks Journal	W
Truth	W
*Tuberculosis	M
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (4 copies)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (4 copies)	W
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
*Western Guardian	W
*Western Independent (2 copies)	W
Western Morning News (4 copies)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (2 copies)	W
Western Weekly News (2 copies)	W
Westminster Budget	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Weston-Super-Mare Gazette	W
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine	M
Woman at Home	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work	W
World	W
World's Work	M
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

ENGLISH RAILWAYS.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Belfast and Northern Counties
Midland Great Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
South-Eastern Continental Time Table

SCOTCH RAILWAYS.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
Highland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
New Zealand Shipping Co.
Orient-Pacific Line

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Jackson's A.B.C. Local Time Tables
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Laira Reading Room.

D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* M—*Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Naval and Military Record	W
Black and White	W	Pall Mall Magazine	M
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Pearson's Weekly	W
Cassell's Saturday Journal	M	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Chums	W	People	W
Daily Express	D	Public Opinion	W
Daily Graphic	D	Punch	W
Daily Illustrated Mirror	D	Quiver	M
Daily Mail	D	Standard	D
Daily News	D	Strand Magazine	M
Daily Telegraph	D	Sunday at Home	M
English Illustrated Magazine	M	Western Daily Mercury	D
English Mechanic	W	Western Evening Herald	D
Gardener	W	Western Independent	W
Good Words	M	Western Morning News	D
Graphic	W	Western Weekly News	W
*Justice	W	Westminster Budget	W
Illustrated London News	W	Woman at Home	M
Leisure Hour	M	Work	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

Salisbury Road Reading Room.

D – *Daily.* W – *Weekly.* M – *Monthly.*

*Aspirant	W	Penny Illustrated Paper	W
Black and White	W	Penny Magazine	W
Black and White Budget	W	Penny Pictorial Magazine	W
Captain	M	Pilot	W
Cassell's Family Magazine	M	Public Opinion	W
Chums	W	Punch	W
Daily Chronicle	D	Quiver	M
Daily Express	D	Rapid Review	F
Daily Graphic	D	Sphere	W
Daily Illustrated Mirror	D	Standard	D
Daily Mail	D	Strand Magazine	M
Daily News	D	T.P.'s Weekly	W
Daily Telegraph	D	Western Daily Mercury	D
Graphic	W	Western Evening Herald	D
Hearth and Home	W	Western Morning News	D
Household Words	W	Western Weekly News	W
Illustrated London News	W	Westminster Budget	W
Lady	W	Windsor Magazine	M
Naval and Military Record	W	Woman at Home	M
Pearson's Magazine	M	Work	W
Pearson's Weekly	W		

Principal Additions to the Library.

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Records of the Woolwich District. 2 Vols.: W. T. Vincent.
National Academy of Sciences. Vol. VIII.: J. E. Duerden.
Bibligraphies of Dr. Creighton, Dr. Stubbs, etc. *Ed.* W. A. Shaw.
Work of Botticelli (Newne's Art Library).
The New English. 2 Vols.: T. L. K. Oliphant.
Curiosities of Puritan Nomenclature: C. W. Bardsley.
Dictionary of Slang. 2 Vols.: A. Barrere and C. G. Leland.
Flags, some Account of their History: A. MacGeorge.
Methods of Printing, Etching, etc.: H. W. Singe and W. Strang.
Glasgow School of Painting: D. Martin.
Boots and Shoes of our Ancestors: W. H. Dutton.
Garden of Japan: F. T. Piggott.
Thomas Bewick: R. Robinson.
Giovanni Segantini: L. Villari.
North American Indians of To-day: G. B. Grinnell.
Dickens and His Illustrators: F. G. Kitton.
Landscape: P. G. Hamerton.
Man in Art: P. G. Hamerton.
Meissonier: V. C. O. Gréard.
First Three English Books on America: R. Eden
English Carols of the 15th Century: J. A. F. Maitland.
From Cradle to Crown: J. E. Vincent.
Life and Paintings of Vicat Cole, R.A. 3 Vols.: R. Chignell.
Soft Porcelain of Sèvres: E. Garnier.
Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia.
Report on Strikes and Lock-Outs, 1903.
Index and Epitome to the Dictionary of National Biography: S. Lee.
History of the Liverpool Public Libraries: Peter Cowell.
Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute. Vol. 34, 1902-3.
Antique Works of Art from Benin: Lieut.-Gen. Pitt Rivers.
Excavations in Bokerly and Wansdyke. Vol. III.: Lieut.-Gen. Pitt Rivers.
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Primitive Locks and Keys: Lieut.-Gen. Pitt Rivers.
King John's House, Tollard Royal: Lieut.-Gen. Pitt Rivers.
Dictionary of Etymology. 4 Vols.: H. Wedgwood.
Report on the MS.S. of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensbury. Vol. II.
World's Columbian Exposition of 1893: J. Dredge.
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Annual Register, N.S., 1902.
Navy League Map of the World.
Report on MS.S. in the Welsh Language. Vol. II., Part II.
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Natal: C. W. F. Harrison.
Digest of Census of England and Wales: T. G. Ackland.
Universal Geography. 10 Vols.: M. Malte-Brun.
Antiquarian Researches: A. F. Swinton.
Velasquez (Newne's Art Library).
Report on the War in South Africa.
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South African Year Book, 1903-4.
Registers of St. Vedast and St. Michael. Vol. II.
Palæontographical Society. Vol. 57.
Heraldry in Relation to Scottish History and Art: Sir J. Balfour Paul.
Kelly's Post Office London Directory, 1904.
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Who's Who, 1904.
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Analysis of Gothic Architecture. 2 Vols.: R. and J. A. Brandon.
The Cinque Ports: F. M. Hueffer.
Fern Growing. E. J. Lowe.
Cathedral Builders. Leader Scott.
The Pilgrim's Way: Julia Cartwright.
Richard Rolle of Hampole. 2 Vols.: *Ed.* C. Horstman.
British Birds: C. W. Wyatt.
Spenser's Faerie Queene. 6 Vols.: *Ed.* T. J. Wise.
Handbook to the Cathedrals of England and Wales. 7 Vols.
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, N.S. Vol. XVII.
Collectanea Anglo-Premonstratensia. Vol. I.
Some Notes on Books and Printing: C. F. Jacobi.
The Housing Handbook: W. Thompson.
Lanscape Painting: J. MacWhirter.
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Illustrated Catalogue of the International Exhibition of 1862. 4 Vols.
Newspaper Press Directory, 1904.
London and County Trades Directory, 1904.
Morris's Business Directory, 1904.
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Report on Municipal Trading.
Visitation of England and Wales. 12 Vols.: *Ed.* J. J. Howard and F. A. Crisp.
English Literature. 4 Vols.: R. Garnett and E. Gosse.
Statesman's Year Book. 1904.
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Gentleman's Magazine Library—English Topography. Part XV.
Descriptive Sociology. 8 Vols.: Herbert Spencer.
Royal Academy Pictures, 1904.
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Historical MS.S. Commission. Various Collections. Vol. III.
Hansard's Parliamentary Debates. Third Series. 84 Vols.
Palmer's Index to the "Times" Newspaper. Parts 1 to 4, 1903.
Architecture of the XXth Century. 4 Parts, 1903.
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Catalogue of Additions to MS.S. in the British Museum, 1894-1899.
Subject Index of the Modern Works. Vols. II. and III.: G. K. Fortescue.
Facsimiles of the Royal and other Charters in the British Museum. Vol. I.: G. F. Warner and H. J. Ellis.
Guide to Early Antiquities.
Guide to the Exhibition Galleries.
Catalogue of the Madreporarian Corals. Vol. IV.: H. M. Bernard.
Catalogue of the Leech Collection of Butterflies: R. South.
Catalogue of Books, Manuscripts, etc. Vol. I.
Monograph of the Tsetse Flies: H. J. Hansen.
First Report of Economic Zoology: F. V. Theobald.
Hand List of Birds. Vol. IV.: R. B. Sharpe.
Catalogue of Bird's Eggs. Vol. III.
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Monograph of the Culicidae of the World. Vol. III.: F. V. Theobald.
Guide to the First and Second Egyptian Rooms.

Catalogue of British and American Bookplates. Vol. I.
Catalogue of Early German and Flemish Woodcuts. Vol. I.
Catalogue of the Collection of English Pottery: R. L. Hobson.
Supplimentary Catalogue of Chinese Books: R. K. Douglas.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Cornwall Parish Registers—Marriages. Vols. I. to VI.: *Ed.* W. P. W. Phillimore and T. Taylor.
Wood Carving: Harry Hems.
Taunton and Taunton Deane (Homeland Handbooks): B. F. Cresswell.
Book of Exmoor: F. T. Snell.
Six Anthems (in score): S. Chapple.
Deserts of Southern France. 2 Vols.: Rev. S. Baring-Gould.
Book of North Wales: Rev. S. Baring-Gould.
Cooke's Chart of Plymouth Sound (1824).
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society Reports, 1833-1902.
Tavistock and its Surroundings (Homeland Handbooks): W. Crossing.
Footprints of Former Men in Far Cornwall: R. S. Hawker.
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Plymouth with its Surroundings (Homeland Handbooks): W. H. K. Wright.
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Bibliography of S. T. Coleridge: J. L. Haney.
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Architectural History of St. Germans Church, Cornwall: Rev. F. C. Hingeston-Randolph, M.A.
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Plymouth and District Trades' Directory, 1903-4.
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Under Other Conditions: Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma.
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Raleghana. Part V.: T. N. Brushfield.
Fighting Lads of Devon: W. M. Graydon.
The Quantick Hills (Homeland Handbooks): B. F. Cresswell.
Bench and Mitre: W. J. Hocking.
Smoking Flax: Silas K. Hocking.
Evidence of General Sir Redvers Buller.
My Devon Year: Eden Phillpotts.
Two Sides of the Face: A. T. Quiller-Couch.
Doones of Exmoor: E. J. Rawle.
Health of Plymouth during 1903: F. M. Williams.
Blundell's Worthies: M. L. Banks.
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Austin Elliot and The Harveys: H. Kingsley.
Beneath the Moon: Dolly Pentreath.
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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County-Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Eighth Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1904, to March 31st, 1905),

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 8th, 1905.

1904-1905.

Plymouth:
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1905.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1904—1905.

Elected November 9th, 1904.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
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Mr. W. WILLOUGHBY.
Mr. J. F. WINNICOTT.
Mr. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.
Rev. J. T. MAXWELL.

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LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

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Senior Assistant: T. Burrow.
Attendant, Magazine-Room: A. S. Joslin.
Junior Assistants: L. Annear, F. Waldron, S. Crocker.
Caretakers: E. Burley, Joseph Luckham.
Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. Anderson.
Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch: Thomas Potter.
Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch: John Maddock.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901.)

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July.)

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).

1904 Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1905	115,020
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1904-1905	£526,649
Income of the Library from the 1d. Rate, 1876	£670
,, ,, 1905	£2,149
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1905	54,276
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1904-1905 ...	416,646
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1905	6,964,994
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1904-1905	3,060
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library ...	75,113
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1904-1905	196

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The work of the Library has gone on steadily as usual during the year. It is satisfactory to find that greater use is being made of the Reference Library. It may surprise many to learn from the Librarian's Report that on an average over two thousand persons use the General News Room and Magazine Room daily. An Evening Branch Reading Room has been opened at the Hyde Park School during the year, and is well used.

The Librarian and his staff continue to perform their duties with great diligence and zeal, and it is pleasant to hear that their civility and helpfulness to readers are much appreciated.

JOHN SHELLY,

Deputy Chairman.

29th April, 1905.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor, and the Members of the Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

It is with much satisfaction that I present my twenty-eighth Annual Report, with the Statistical Tables relating thereto, recording the working of this Institution in all Departments for the twelve months ending the 31st day of March, 1905.

Although the year's working has not been marked by any exceptional events, nothing of unusual interest or importance having transpired since my last Report, yet there has been a considerable increase of activity in all departments, as evidenced by the enlarged figures shewn in nearly all the Statistical Tables. This is a most gratifying sign, and shows that the Institution is still growing in popularity and usefulness, after nearly thirty years' service.

The additions to the Library Stock, though considerable, do not come up to those of the previous year, the increase being 1,739, as against 2,003 in 1903-4. This is to a large extent due to the fact that in the latter year an unusually large number of books were added to the School Libraries, to meet the demands of the additional Schools taken over under the new Education Act. In order to make these School Libraries thoroughly efficient, about one thousand more books are required, and these I hope may soon be supplied, as several Schools are still unsupplied.

The number of volumes added to the Reference Library during the year was 370, and to the Devon and Cornwall Collection 159; also 90 volumes of Music to the Lending Library, the latter being much appreciated. Apart from Fiction, which is as usual the largest, the additions to the various classes of the Lending Library were normal, and call for no special comment.

It is satisfactory to note, however, a large increase in the number of Borrower's Tickets applied for and issued, viz., 3,060, as against 2,607 in the previous year. This increase is due to a large extent to the issue of Students' Tickets which have been much appreciated by our regular Borrowers, and have, without a doubt, induced many persons to use the Library for purposes of study who would not otherwise have done so.

Another factor is, of course, the spread of Evening Branches in the outlying Districts.

In Tables II., III., IV., V. and VI. you will find recorded the number of Borrowers added to the Library during the year (the Tickets becoming renewable every twelve months); the number of Tickets withdrawn from removal and other causes; the respective ages of the Borrowers, their residential distribution, occupations, and other particulars, which speak for themselves.

Table VII. records "The Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments; and this is of a more interesting and progressive character than in previous reports. The total issues for the twelve months covered by the report amounted to 344,365 volumes, with a Daily Average of 1167, being an increase of nearly 15,000 over the previous year's return; while the total of books consulted in the Reference Library (Table VIII), for the same period was 72,281, also showing an increase in the year's working. The grand total for the year was 416,646 as against 400,314 in 1903-4.

Taking the total of books issued since the opening of the Library in the autumn of the year 1870, as shewn in Table IX., we find that nearly seven million volumes have been utilized by the public; besides an immense number of ordinary books of reference, Dictionaries, Directories, Encyclopædias, and other works placed in the Reference Library, and readily accessible to the general public, and of which no record is kept.

Added to this is the fact that on an average over two thousand persons use the General News Rooms and Magazine Room daily, or over half-a-million per annum, and we have an aggregate of more than a million visits paid to the Institution during the twelve months.

The Library Stock, already incidentally referred to (see Table I.) now amounts to 54,276 (viz., 30,993 in the Lending Library, and 23,283 in the Reference, including the Local), and the number is steadily growing, it has therefore become a serious problem where to find space for the yearly accessions. In order to keep up the usefulness of the Library new books must be constantly added; but the space at our disposal within the building has now been taxed to the utternost.

In the Elementary Schools our work has been carried on with considerable vigour, thanks to the zeal and public spirit of the teachers under the Education Department of the Borough, who are cordially co-operating with us in carrying out the details of this branch of our work.

Forty-three Schools are now supplied with books, the number of volumes in circulation being nearly five thousand.

It should, however, be borne in mind that this supply of good, wholesome juvenile literature to the children of Plymouth makes a serious inroad upon the funds placed at the disposal of the Library Committee, the wear and tear and loss of books being very great. Up to the present time the Education Committee have not seen their way clear to make a grant for this purpose, but it is to be hoped that, as in the case of some other towns, that Committee may ere long render some assistance.

On the general question as to the relationship between the Library and the School, some overtures have been made to the teaching staff of our Schools, and I am now endeavouring to arrange a Conference between representatives of the Schools and this Committee, which I hope may have a beneficial effect. It is my earnest desire to add to the usefulnes of our School Libraries, and to make them much more than merely recreative auxiliaries. On this matter I hope shortly to present a special report, and to suggest, amongst other things, that periodical visits should be paid to the Schools by Members of this Committee, that children from the Schools should be brought periodically to the Library to hear short

addresses upon books and their authors, and that reading courses should be established having as their primary object the education of the children in the best English literature.

As one means to this end I would report that in September last, on the application of Mr. C. W. Bracken, you sanctioned the loan of an additional 300 volumes of Miscellaneous Literature for the use of the Pupil Teachers at the Centre at Salisbury Road, making 458 now in that Department.

During the year a third Branch Evening Reading Room was opened at the Hyde Park Road Schools, for the use of which we are indebted to the Education Committee. The formal opening took place on October 7th, 1904, when the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Henry Hurrell, Esq., presided, and was supported by Mr. H. E. Duke, K.C., M.P., many members of the Town Council, the Library Committee and residents in the district. This appears to have supplied a long-felt want, and it is earnestly to be hoped that its present popularity and usefulness will continue. The other Reading Rooms at Laira and Salisbury Road are also well patronised by the residents in the respective districts. By a further arrangement with the Education Committee, all the Branches are now open on Saturday afternoons for the benefit of persons who are at leisure, and cannot attend in the evening. This is a boon highly appreciated. As will be seen in the Appendix, these rooms are well supplied with current periodical literature, and they have besides a good selection of books available for home reading, which are continually being changed and replenished from the central stock.

Two Class Catalogues have been issued during the year, viz., Class A. (Religion and Theology), and Class M. (Music), another Catalogue is in the hands of the printer, viz., Class D. (Sociology, including Education, Law, Logic, &c., &c.), on its completion I propose to compile a Supplementary Catalogue of all the Classes, bringing the Lending Department of the Library up-to-date. That will only leave the Reference Library and the Devon and Cornwall Collection to be dealt with, no Catalogue of these departments having been issued since 1892.

The list of Newspapers and Magazines has recently been revised and printed in sheet form. Copies of these mounted on stiff boards are

now placed in the various rooms at the Central Library and at the various Branches, and are found very useful. The list will also be given in the appendix to this Report.

I was present, by invitation, at the inauguration of the Newton Abbot Free Library and Technical Schools, presented by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, in August last, and was previously consulted by the Committee as to the stocking and furnishing of the Library and the appointment of a Librarian. I am now in correspondence with the Taunton Library Committee, and hope to render them similar help.

In September last I attended, by your permission, the 28th Annual Meeting of the Library Association held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and read a paper, by request of the Council upon "Local Collections," I also had the honour of being re-elected Vice-President of the Association, and was called upon to preside over one of the sittings. The next meeting will be held at Cambridge.

Some valuable gifts have been made to the Library which will be set out in the Appendix; but I would specially mention a most interesting series of extra-illustrated books, being the works of Richard Sainthill of Topsham, Devon, presented through the instrumentality of Mr. W. L. Munday, a member of the Committee.

Another Interesting presentation was that made by Dr. Gifford, of Oxford, of a set of "Eusebius" edited by him; his reason for making the gift being in recognition of the education he received at the Plymouth Corporation Grammar School, seventy years ago.

The Right Hon. the Earl of St. Germans also presented 84 volumes of Hansard's Parliamentary Debates. Other Donations will be given in detail in the Appendix.

Several changes have taken place in the constitution of the Library Committee, the resignation of the Rev. Samuel Vincent having been received with great regret. He has been replaced by the Rev. J. T. Maxwell.

I need do no more than call your attention to the fact that the Council have reduced the income of the Library for the current year from

£2,149, the estimated proceeds of a penny rate, to £1,750, and that during the two previous years a considerable portion of the Library income was not expended by us.

I am pleased to state that the best possible relations exist between myself and my staff, and that in Mr. R. E. Wellington I find a most able and willing chief assistant, whose able and courteous service I highly appreciate.

Thanking you for your continued kindness and consideration,

I remain,
Yours respectfully,

F. W. R. Wright

Borough Librarian.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified	No. of Volumes		
		1904	1905	Increase in 1905
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1302	1325	23
B	Biography and Correspondence	2694	2764	70
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	3940	4038	98
D	Education, Political Economy, &c.	827	877	50
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ..	1780	1812	32
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	1723	1768	45
G	Prose Fiction	7130	7525	395
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	
I	Magazines and Reviews	3261	3319	58
M	Music	188	278	90
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	6535	6884	349
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	13387	13757	370
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	9367	9526	159
	TOTALS	52537	54276	1739

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-seven published Reports	72053
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report ...	2256
Students' Tickets	196
Laira Branch	272
Salisbury Road Branch	231
Hyde Park Road Branch	105
	75113

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	79
,, deceased	8
,, withdrawn	49
Want of time for reading	3
Guarantor withdrawn	1
Cancelled (unclaimed)	33
	173

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1905.

Under 15 years		402
From 15 to 20 years		464
,, 20 to 25 ,,		411
,, 25 to 30 ,,		198
,, 30 to 40 ,,		260
,, 40 to 50 ,,		147
,, 50 to 60 ,,		61
,, 60 upwards		90
Ages not recorded : Burgesses	665	
,, Non-Burgess	362	
		1027
		3060

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess	Total.
Vintry Ward	11	38	49
St. Andrew's Ward	23	100	123
Hoe Ward	27	173	200
Millbay Ward	18	53	71
St. Peter's Ward	9	69	78
Frankfort Ward	32	112	144
Drake's Ward	37	140	177
Charles Ward	28	127	155
Greenbank Ward	40	138	178
Mutley Ward	86	307	393
Compton Ward	76	161	237
Laira Ward	101	241	342
Friary Ward	40	146	186
Sutton Ward	13	50	63
Non-Residents	—	56	56
Borrowers at Laira Branch	91	181	272
,, Salisbury Road Branch	50	181	231
,, Hyde Park Road ,,	21	84	105
	703	2357	3060

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1904—1905.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	290
Agents and Managers	46
Apprentices	29
Architects	9
Artists	5
Assistants, Shop	36
Bakers and Confectioners	24
Billiard Markers	1
Bookbinders	1
Booksellers and Stationers	14
Boot and Shoemakers	14
Brass and Wire Workers	2
Builders and Contractors	13
Butchers, &c.	5
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, & Joiners	51
Cashiers	8
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	14
Civil Service Officials	2
Clergy and Ministers	21
Commercial Travellers	38
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	11
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	14
Dentists	6
Domestic Servants	21
Drapers	54
Draughtsmen	8
Electricians	9
Engineers and Engine Fitters	70
Engravers and Lithographers	4
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	13
Foremen	15
Gentlemen and Gentlewomen (so specified)	23
Grocers and Tea Dealers	22
Hair Dressers	17
Housekeepers	13
Innkeepers	6
Inspectors	6
Ironmongers	9
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	5
Labourers and Porters	23
Laundresses	4
Lawyers, &c.	7
Lodging house Keepers	4
Mariners	4
Married Women (so specified)	79
Masons and Plasterers	18
Medical Men	5
Merchants and Manufacturers	31
Milliners and Dressmakers	33
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	22
Nurses	13
Officers, Army and Navy	55
Painters and Decorators	14
Pawnbrokers	5
Pensioners	32
Photographers	9
Plumbers and Gasfitters	11
Police Officers	4
Post Office Employes	18
Printers and Compositors	31
Railway Officials	18
Sailmakers	4
Salesmen	16
School Children and Students	250
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	158
Shipwrights	29
Shopkeepers	32
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	7
Spinsters (so specified)	14
Superintendents	19
Surveyors	5
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	22
Tobacconists	9
Typists	11
Upholsterers	4
Warehousemen	9
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	15
Widows (so specified)	16
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	1051
Total	3060

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1904, to March 31st, 1905, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1904.															*153	
April	24	216	503	749	206	694	325	8647	933	1708	744	219		13262	28206	1175
May	25	205	497	733	201	668	322	8581	931	1899	780	210		13197	28224	1128
June	26	190	486	707	223	663	335	8767	892	1844	783	206		13521	28617	1100
July	26	224	506	706	257	678	407	8995	956	1752	744	247		13821	29293	1126
August	26	199	492	688	254	675	303	7846	839	1703	810	214		13515	27538	1059
September ...	26	226	553	746	265	721	393	8627	898	1789	850	224		13884	29176	1122
October ...	26	253	596	776	281	761	445	9409	942	1751	892	219		15808	32133	1235
November ...	26	236	520	689	253	743	477	8569	941	1574	858	190		15241	30291	1165
December ...	25	215	453	579	198	612	331	7388	761	1370	699	148		15787	28541	1141
1905.																
January ...	14	129	263	362	152	397	234	5275	517	913	482	111		8682	17517	1251
February ...	24	222	479	689	243	712	406	8908	841	1486	782	166		16442	31376	1307
March	27	268	574	832	267	836	475	9809	901	1631	895	217		16595	33300	1233
Totals ...	295	2583	5922	8256	2800	8160	4453	100821	10352	19420	9319	2371	153	169755	344365	1167

*153 Volumes on Loan at the Blind Institution.

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1904, to March 31st, 1905, inclusive.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1904.														
April ...	24	166	211	273	880	310	162	251	273	2986	234	572	6318	263
May ...	25	102	115	282	788	296	141	168	217	2768	219	474	5570	222
June	26	125	241	232	643	390	128	187	303	2916	193	547	5908	227
July ...	26	165	264	256	701	232	185	237	282	2931	274	757	6284	241
August ...	26	154	222	311	807	323	220	189	360	2956	243	696	6481	249
September ...	26	147	241	272	831	295	160	206	243	2656	288	742	6081	233
October ...	26	148	195	286	973	262	129	269	223	3112	259	592	6448	248
November ...	26	123	226	273	815	288	152	203	302	2923	307	559	6171	237
December ...	25	144	149	272	773	357	184	271	264	3068	200	571	6253	250
1905.														
January ...	20	95	147	190	588	284	113	178	280	2374	172	470	4891	244
February ...	24	128	281	227	702	283	132	218	295	2906	266	540	5978	249
March ...	27	121	185	222	845	297	151	184	272	2946	243	432	5898	218
TOTALS ...	301	1618	2480	3096	9346	3617	1857	2561	3314	34542	2898	6952	72281	240

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in twenty-eight published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S. & T.	Totals	Daily Average
1876-77	300	689	3699	12057	514	2252	1618	62499	2732	7968	18047	9087	3897	...	...	.	125059	347
1878 ...	289	730	2824	8809	356	1694	1215	71709	1878	7024	16695	6709	3853	...	..	.	123496	427
1879 ...	259	1051	3197	8896	510	3169	1877	65794	2328	9259	14842	4466	3416	...	...		118805	458
1880 ...	297	1858	4837	10954	749	4111	2758	84068	2859	14036	24335	17025	4261	...	...	.	171851	578
1881 ...	286	1837	4475	9943	1081	4459	3292	79365	3105	14054	19755	17323	3359	...	...		162048	566
1882 ...	289	1850	5252	11832	1088	5517	3528	81525	2755	16193	20963	27095	4723	...	...		182321	630
1883 ...	293	1732	5318	11575	910	5596	3585	78087	2708	14864	21939	29012	4180	...	..		179506	612
1884 ...	277	1380	5100	9193	655	4410	2919	71310	2322	13537	20068	30473	3201	...	...		164568	594
1885 ...	285	1367	3722	7943	696	3728	2555	70408	2075	10792	19124	32782	3412	...	...	.	158604	556
1886 ...	285	1113	2354	6184	550	3384	1989	69000	1534	10452	19859	40806	3598	...	..		160823	564
1887 ...	287	1278	2280	5875	644	2960	1642	66665	1465	11019	21702	28979	3392	...	...		147901	515
1888-89	351	1343	3390	9513	709	3386	1990	86547	2918	12509	84113	37857	7464	...	...	.	251739	719
1889-90	156 289	404	1418	3794	236	1508	716	35701	1224	5016	51360	33553	3247	..	..		138177	670L.D. 116R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2474	6974	358	2207	1095	64813	2038	9362	104404	32133	5217	..	...	.	231852	810
1891-92	290	815	2489	6579	482	2339	1352	59889	1204	8783	88819	43252	3835	..	...	11350	231188	797
1892-93	285	711	2010	4615	590	2275	1032	56457	859	8909	12977	49151	393	...	...	112365	252344	885
1893-94	288	963	1818	4920	798	2384	1013	57629	1071	7997	15065	52414	847	.	..	154500	301419	1046
1894-95	285	1073	2022	4381	819	2138	758	54932	987	6081	14564	58366	1811	.	..	144667	292599	1026
1895-96	112	467	958	2340	189	1175	478	25545	434	2957	7224	21224	1235	...	...	128705	192931	1722
1896-97	284 302	990	3279	7527	541	4022	1665	76032	1090	7562	17145	65304	4466	...	302	135436	325361	915L.D. 216R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1437	5009	7600	618	4814	1393	81401	955	6904	11990	66306	4437	.	459	184319	377552	1040L.D. 221R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1084	4005	6707	649	4707	2193	66394	499	5550	7977	62901	4982	561	256	210346	378811	1074L.D. 209R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3276	6082	522	3270	1229	56686	203	5987	8541	55936	3347	674	226	199366	346271	994L.D. 191R.D.
1900-01	297	1006	2939	6066	583	3125	1265	62228	134	6607	8920	62128	4126	1025	135	219553	379840	1069L.D. 209R.D.
1901-02	293	1191	3418	5287	769	4597	1367	63493	14	6925	6743	65121	4217	1182	72	200488	364884	1023L.D. 222R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2033	5346	7489	1766	6935	3180	72016		8079	7474	70609	5732	1614	153	195658	388084	1076L.D. 237R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2259	5251	7358	1580	7110	3660	86148		9025	11485	70864	6954	2087	153	186380	400314	1120L.D. 239R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2583	5922	8256	2800	8160	4453	100821	.	10352	19420	72281	9319	2371	153	169755	416646	1167L.D. 240R.D.
Totals		34947	98082	208749	21762	105432	55727	1907162	39391	257803	695550	1163157	112921	9514	1909	2252888	6964994	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1637	145	487	469	1373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	..	7908	..
1878 ...	404	863	1854	205	595	513	1686	597	1116	513	975	583	...	...	..	9906	1998
1879 ...	451	917	1920	229	661	608	1795	613	1227	668	1426	746	...	..	..	11261	1355
1880 ...	478	967	1944	256	698	628	2031	619	1270	769	1970	1091	..	..	..	12721	1460
1881 ...	509	1024	2061	289	730	690	2265	633	1380	876	2155	1397	..	..	..	14009	1288
1882 ...	580	1086	2147	311	825	720	2375	639	1557	984	2629	1666	..	..	..	15519	1510
1883 ...	625	1109	2163	324	849	754	2457	645	1614	1047	3345	2110	...	...	..	17042	1523
1884 ...	629	1129	2220	353	898	782	2636	650	1670	1069	5200	2290	..	..	..	19506	2464
1885 ...	656	1162	2254	380	959	828	2811	661	1754	1118	5670	2655	..	..	..	20908	1402
1886 ...	689	1282	2390	424	1029	848	3218	741	1844	1284	6480	2743	..	..	..	22972	2064
1887 ...	708	1354	2514	459	1115	878	3419	805	1908	1734	6750	2958	..	..	..	24602	1630
1888-89	751	1433	2624	479	1182	912	3649	892	2116	2480	7045	3275	..	..	..	26833	2231
1889-90	758	1502	2688	494	1210	959	4041	918	2159	2787	7559	3895	..	..	..	28970	2137
1890-91	794	1561	2820	523	1256	990	4304	957	2232	2934	8040	4320	..	..	..	30731	1761
1891-92	816	1618	2894	601	1303	1008	4582	970	2314	2997	8325	5464	...	..	..	33533	2802
1892-93	867	1678	2955	625	1354	1075	4749	981	2442	3892	8630	6003	...	..	110	35361	1828
1893-94	892	1731	3037	637	1406	1102	5035	983	2506	4290	9592	6350	..	..	238	37799	2438
1894-95	935	1777	3076	657	1443	1118	5203	989	2588	936	10063	6897	.	.	3074	38960	1161
1895-96	947	1802	3118	662	1471	1144	5377	990	2680	967	10411	7356	.	.	3236	40161	1201
1896-97	959	1945	3205	670	1567	1226	5671	992	2737	980	10701	7789	.	138	3496	42076	1915
1897-98	978	2291	3276	688	1594	1273	5937	999	2856	999	11087	8021	..	255	3837	44091	2015
1898-99	985	2361	3336	745	1624	1316	6110	699	2970	1034	11461	8282	81	270	4004	45278	1187
1899 00	1024	2438	3464	758	1660	1458	6154	365	3006	1041	11799	8373	108	281	4268	46197	919
1900-01	1051	2513	3677	773	1686	1533	6323	250	3088	1042	12296	8709	119	290	4222	47572	1375
1901-02	1073	2539	3733	789	1698	1594	6521	250	3146	1057	12694	9022	119	290	4380	48905	1333
1902-03	1286	2615	3841	814	1736	1688	6796	250	3184	1070	13023	9215	187	153	4676	50534	1629
1903-04	1302	2694	3940	827	1780	1723	7130	250	3261	1150	13387	9367	188	153	5385	52537	2003
1904-05	1325	2764	4038	877	1812	1768	7525	250	3319	1183	13757	9526	278	153	5701	54276	1739

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		*Salisbury Rd.		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1904						
April	1267	1130	382	1156		
May	1323	930	296	899	Opened	
June	1353	858	267	878	October 7th,	
July	1315	941	305	1217	1904.	
August	1331	992	242	822		
September ...	1219	918	312	908		
October	731	741	443	1285	129	1034
November ...	330	745	381	1032	199	1095
December ...	590	831	466	1350	266	1166
1905						
January... ...	627	799	358	1159	235	951
February ...	618	871	393	1158	308	1029
March	694	914	415	1225	296	982
Totals ...	11398	10670	4260	13089	1433	6257

* Opened March 11th, 1904.

LAIRA BRANCH :—

Borrowers.		*Issues.*	*Attendance.*
1903-4 ...	302	15997	10313
1904-5 ...	272	11398	10670
Decrease...	30	Decrease 4599	Increase 357

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of School Libraries supplied from the Central Library:–

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles	Boys	50
,,	Girls	50
Christ Church	Boys	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat ..	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
,,	Girls	60
*Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Oxford Street	Boys	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	200
Regent Street	Higher Grade	450
*St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	75
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catherine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
*St. James'	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
*St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
,,	Pupil Teachers' Centre	458
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street ..	Girls ..	100
		4858

* These Schools will be supplied in due course.

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North British.

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British India Steam Navigation Co.
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New Zealand Shipping Co.
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* Presented by Publishers and others. (*e*) Denotes Evening Reading Rooms.

D—*Daily*. **W**—*Weekly*. **F**—*Fortnightly*. **M**—*Monthly*. **Q**—*Quarterly*.

*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animals Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White (*e*)	W
Black and White Budget (*e*)	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W
*Britannia	M
*British Australasian	W
*British Homes (*e*)	M
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
*Cape Argus	W
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	M
*Catholic Fireside	M
*Catholic Times	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles Parish Magazine	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Christian Endeavour Times	W
*Christian Life	W
Chums (*e*)	W
*Church Bells and Illustrated Church News	W
*Church in the West	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	Q
Connoisseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornubian	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Deseret	SEMI-W
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devonia (*e*)	M
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Echo	D
Edinburgh Review	Q
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Electrical Review	W
Electrician	W
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Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M

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*Englishwoman's Review	Q
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Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
Field	W
*Food and Cookery	W
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Free Russia	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Girls' Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words (*e*)	M
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
*Herald of Health	M
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of the Golden Age	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
*Humanitarian	M
Household Words (*e*)	W
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Inventors' Review	M
*Investors' Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
Judy (*e*)	W
*Justice (*e*)	W
King and His Navy and Army	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
*Ladies' League Gazette	M
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
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*Launceston Weekly News	W
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*Leaves of Healing	W
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*Liberty Review	M
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*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London Stockmarket Report	D
Longman's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	M
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Madame	W
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*"Mercury" Magazine	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Millennial Star	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
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*Nature Notes	M
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*North Devon Journal	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
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*Our Work	M
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*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
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*Paper Maker	M
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*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	
*Patents	M
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Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
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*Penryn Advertiser	W
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*Phonetic Journal	W
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*Printers' Register	M

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*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
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*Railway Review	W
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*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
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*Richmond & Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
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Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Sketch (*c*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Speaker (*c*)	W
Spectator	W
Sphere (*c*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard (*c*)	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*c*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*c*)	M
Sunday Magazine	M
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Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	M
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
*Tool and Machinery Register	M
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*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*c*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*c*)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
*Western Guardian	W
*Western Independent (*c*)	W
Western Morning News (*c*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*c*)	W
Western Weekly News (*c*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*c*)	M
Woman at Home (*c*)	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*c*)	W
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London, Brighton, and South Coast
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In the Land of Lorna Doone: W. H. Rideing.
Meadowsweet and Rue: Silas K. Hocking.
Journal of the Marine Biological Association, N.S. Vol. VII., No. 2.
Book of Ghosts: S. Baring Gould.
Secret Woman: Eden Phillpotts.
Corporation Chronicles: A. L. Browne.
Athanasian Creed: John Shelly.
Hope Wins: W. H. J. Ragg.
Shinning Ferry: A. T. Quiller-Couch.
Roger Trewinion: Joseph Hocking.
Widdicombe: M. P. Wilcocks.
Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archæological and National History Society for 1904.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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County-Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Twenty-Ninth Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian

(From April 1st, 1905, to March 31st, 1906),

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, MAY 14th, 1906.

1905-1906.

Plymouth:
CHARLES LUKE, PRINTER, &c., 8, BEDFORD STREET.
1906.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1905—1906.

Elected November 9th, 1905.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
JOHN YEO, Esq.,

Deputy-Chairman, &c.:

Councillor W. L. MUNDAY.

Alderman S. COUMBE.
Councillor J. S. ARGALL.
Councillor G. CLARK.
Councillor T. W. LLEWELLYN.
Councillor H. SCOTT TUCKER.
Mr. G. H. LANG.
Mr. W. J. VICKERY.
Mr. W. WILLOUGHBY.
Mr. J. F. WINNICOTT.
Mr. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.
Rev. J. T. MAXWELL.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Book Selection:— Messrs. CLARK, LLEWELLYN, MAXWELL, MUNDAY, TUCKER, WOLFERSTAN.

Finance and General Purposes:—Messrs. ARGALL, LANG, VICKERY, WILLOUGHBY, WINNICOTT.

School Libraries, and Branches: Messrs. ARGALL, COUMBE, LLEWELLYN, TUCKER, MAXWELL.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

Sub-Librarian: R. E. Wellington.
Senior Assistant: T. J. Burrow.
Assistants: L. Annear, F. Waldron, S. Crocker.
Caretakers: E. Burley, Joseph Luckham.
Attendant, Magazine Room: W. Nott.
Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. Anderson.
Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch: Thomas Potter.
Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch: John Maddock.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY.

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).
Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901).

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).
Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).
Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barrett, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric Light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).

1904 Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).
Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1906	120,000
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1905-1906	531,204
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1906	55,917
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1905-1906	447,548
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1906.	7,412,542
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1905-1906	2,969
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library	78,082
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1905-1906	213

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

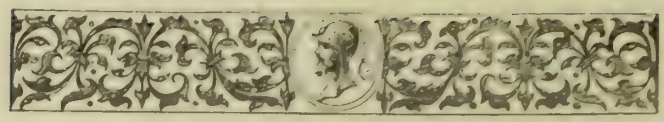
The past year has been, on the whole, one of continued progress in the work of the Library, notwithstanding the regrettable reduction in its income. The Saturday afternoon lectures during the winter were a new departure, which evidently met with popular approval.

The Committee desire once more to record their appreciation of the able and zealous manner in which the Librarian and his staff discharge their duties.

W. L. MUNDAY,

Deputy Chairman.

8th May, 1906.



LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor, and the Members of the Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my twenty-ninth Annual Report, I would call attention to the fact that the Library has now entered upon the thirtieth year of its existence.

Although the Library Acts were adopted in 1871, it was not until the Spring of 1876 that actual operations commenced, my appointment as Librarian dating from March in that year. The formal opening of the Lending Library took place in the month of August following, and the Reference Library was opened in August, 1879.

During the twelve months covered by the present Report (April, 1905, to March, 1906), the additions to the Library have been fairly distributed over all departments, as will be seen by reference to Table I. The number of books purchased has not been so large as in some previous years, owing in a great measure to the considerable reduction in the income of the Library made by the Council; and a further reduction has been made in the year upon which we have now entered.

The Library now contains 55,917 volumes: of these, 32,191 have been allotted to the Lending Library, and 23,726 to the Reference Library, including the Devon and Cornwall Collection.

Although a considerable increase has taken place in the number of Borrowers' Tickets issued at the Central Library, I would point to a slight decrease in the number of those issued at two of the Branches, viz.:—Laira and Salisbury Road. This may be accounted for by purely local causes. Tables III., IV., V., VI., call for no special comment, dealing as they do with statistics of the ages, occupations, and residential distribution of the new Borrowers respectively.

It is satisfactory to note the large increase in the number of books issued in the Lending Department (which includes the Schools and Branches), the return showing a total of 374,461 volumes in 1905-1906, as compared with 344,365 in 1904-1905, with a daily average of 1,256 as against 1,167 in the previour year. The increase is therefore more than 30,000 volumes. Another feature is the fact that the issues of Prose Fiction have diminished, while there has been a corresponding increase in nearly all the other classes. This may be attributed in a great measure to the increasing number of Borrowers who have provided themselves with Students' Tickets, and have, therefore, special facilities for obtaining books in the more useful branches of literature.

There is also a steadily-growing interest in the Reference Library, a large number of students and literary workers availing themselves of the books placed at their disposal.

According to Table VIII., it will be seen that the total number of books consulted in the Reference Library during the year was 73,087, the highest total yet recorded.

The aggregate issues in all departments since the opening of the Library in 1876 have been 7,412,542 volumes.

Our work in the Elementary and Secondary Schools still progresses; forty-four schools or departments being supplied, and the number of books in circulation being about five thousand.

The Evening Branches are doing well; the latest opened, that at Hyde Park Road, being at present the most popular, owing, doubtless, to its more convenient position and the brightness and cheeriness of the room granted to our use by the Education Committee.

I would suggest that as new schools are erected in other outlying districts, arrangements should be made with the Education Committee for the use of similar rooms as those at Laira, Salisbury Road, and Hyde Park Road.

A few months since, you sanctioned a re-arrangement of the News Rooms and Magazine Room. A large block of reading slopes were removed from the centre of the News Room, and were fixed elsewhere; thus leaving space for reading tables and chairs. The Magazine Room was at the same time cleared of tables, except those in use by lady readers, and a selection of the better class periodicals placed there—a change which has been much appreciated by more studious readers. This alteration has also allowed the use of the floor space of the Magazine Room for a series of popular lectures on Books and Literary Subjects.

This departure (the arrangements for which you sanctioned early in the year), was inaugurated on Saturday, February 3rd, 1906, the Right Worshipful the Mayor, presiding. The lectures were continued fortnightly up to the end of March, and proved exceedingly popular. There is every prospect of their being continued next autumn with still greater success, and several promises have already been made for the next series.

The following lectures were delivered on the respective dates:—

Saturday, February 3rd, 1906.—"A Brief Chat about Books and Authors," by the Borough Librarian.
Chairman: THE MAYOR (MR. JOHN YEO).

Saturday, Februray, 17th, 1906.—"Wit and Humour in Literature," by Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.
Chairman: MR. W. L. MUNDAY.

Saturday, March 3rd, 1906.—"George Borrow, the Cornish Gipsy Scholar," by Mr. R. A. J. Walling.
Chairman: REV. J. T. MAXWELL.

Saturday, March 17th, 1906.—"The History of a Book" (a paper on the Art of Printing), by Mr. J. T. Lowe.
Chairman: Mr. Ernest Croft.

Saturday, March 31st, 1906.—"The Navy in Literature and the Drama," by Major W. P. Drury.
Chairman: Mr. J. F. Winnicott.

One Class Catalogue (Class D.—Sociology) was published in June, 1905. This completes the Sectional Catalogues of the Lending Library, and leaves us now to deal with the large accumulations in the Reference Library and Devon and Cornwall Collection, of which no Catalogue has been published since 1892. We also require a Supplementary Catalogue of all Classes, bringing the printed Catalogues of the Library up-to-date.

By your kind permission, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Cambridge in August last. It was the twenty-eighth Annual Meeting, and was held to commemorate the Jubilee of the Cambridge Free Library, and its veteran Librarian, Mr. John Pink. It was a most interesting meeting, and the proceedings were of a highly practical and useful character.

During the year the death has ocurred of Councillor John Taylor, who for several years had done good service as a member of the Library Committee, and whose loss was keenly felt.

We also lost, by resignation, the eminently valuable services of Alderman John Shelly, who for nearly thirty years had been a most generous and enthusiastic supporter of the Library, and for some years the Deputy-Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Shelly was a member of the first Library Committee, appointed in 1876.

The gifts of books during the year have included recent issues of official works issued by the Trustees of the British Museum; Reports and other publications of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington; official publications of the U.S. Government; official and bibliographical works from the Bibliotheque Nationale, Rio de Janeiro; Reports and Handbooks concerning the Colonies, sent by the various Agents-General; Reports and

papers from the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada; Parliamentary Debates of the Commonwealth of Australia; besides numerous Reports of Libraries, Colleges, and Institutions.

Among local donations should be mentioned the gift of Mr. John Shelly, on retiring from the Committee, of the new edition of "Fairbairn's Crests," in two vols.; of 36 volumes, chiefly of Photographic Works, presented by Mr. C. R. Rowe, late of Torquay; of various works by Mrs. Ripley, Mr. E. Micklewood, and others. A complete list of donors will be given in the Appendix to this Report.

I have again to thank you for your uniform kindness and consideration to all the members of the staff and myself.

F. W. R. Wright

Borough Librarian.

April 27th, 1906.

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter.	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes. 1905.	1906.	Increase in 1906.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy...	1325	1363	38
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	2764	2844	80
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	4038	4116	78
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	877	918	41
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	1812	1853	41
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1768	1791	23
G	Prose Fiction	7525	7896	371
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3319	3386	67
M	Music	278	309	31
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	...
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	6884	7312	428
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	13757	14058	301
L	Devon and Cornwall Library	9526	9668	142
	TOTALS	54276	55917	1641

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-eight published Reports	75113
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report ...	2318
Students' Tickets	213
Laira Branch	192
Salisbury Road Branch	125
Hyde Park Road Branch	121
	78082

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned.

Borrowers left the town	44
,, deceased	9
,, withdrawn	54
Want of time for reading	2
Guarantor withdrawn	2
Cancelled (unclaimed)	59
	170

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1906.

Under 15 years			242
From 15 to 20 years			632
,, 20 to 25 ,, ...			306
,, 25 to 30 ,, ...			211
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...			260
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...			147
,, 50 to 60 ,, ...			78
,, 60 upwards			96
Ages not recorded : Burgesses	667		
,, Non-Burgess	330		
			997
			2969

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total
Vintry Ward	9	27	36
St. Andrew's Ward	22	98	120
Hoe Ward	30	199	229
Millbay Ward	14	70	84
St. Peter's Ward...	12	66	78
Frankfort Ward	27	112	139
Drake's Ward	37	144	181
Charles Ward	35	143	178
Greenbank Ward...	34	152	186
Mutley Ward	102	268	370
Compton Ward	56	148	204
Laira Ward	97	258	355
Friary Ward	40	163	203
Sutton Ward	16	66	82
Non-Residents	—	86	86
Borrowers at Laira Branch	73	119	192
,, Salisbury Road Branch	45	80	125
,, Hyde Park Road ,, ...	25	96	121
	674	2295	2969

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1905—1906.

Classification.	*No.*
Accountants, Clerks, &c. ...	305
Agents and Managers	64
Apprentices	16
Architects	7
Artists	10
Assistants, Shop	30
Bakers and Confectioners ...	20
Billiard Markers	1
Booksellers and Stationers ...	10
Boot and Shoemakers	7
Brass and Wire Workers ...	5
Builders and Contractors ...	8
Butchers, &c.	6
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners	49
Cellarmen	4
Chemists, Druggists, &c. ...	14
Civil Service Officials	38
Clergy and Ministers	38
Coach Builders	3
Commercial Travellers... ...	32
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	7
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c. ...	11
Dentists	5
Domestic Servants	11
Drapers	62
Draughtsmen	11
Electricians	14
Engineers and Engine Fitters	74
Engravers and Lithographers...	5
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	19
Foremen	10
Grocers and Tea Dealers ...	18
Hair Dressers	9
Housekeepers	16
Innkeepers	7
Inspectors	19
Ironmongers	11
Journalists, Reporters, &c. ...	9
Labourers and Porters	31
Laundresses	2
Lawyers, &c.	3
Lodging-house Keepers ...	10
Married Women (so specified)	93
Masons and Plasterers ...	14
Medical Men	7
Merchants and Manufacturers	18
Milliners and Dressmakers ...	42
Musicians, Tuners, &c. ...	25
Nurses	14
Officers, Army and Navy ...	48
Organ Builders	4
Packers	4
Painters and Decorators ...	10
Pawnbrokers	4
Pensioners	12
Photographers	5
Plumbers and Gasfitters ...	8
Police Officers	1
Printers and Compositors ...	25
Railway Officials	12
Sailmakers	2
Salesmen	10
School Children and Students	222
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	157
Sculptors	3
Shipwrights	34
Shopkeepers	20
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	5
Spinsters (so specified)... ...	9
Surveyors...	9
Tailors and Outfitters, &c. ...	32
Tobacconists	4
Typists	9
Upholsterers	6
Waiters	3
Warehousemen	9
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	12
Widows (so specified)	7
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	1039
Total ...	2969

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1905, to March 31st, 1906, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Books for Blind.	S & T—Schools and Evening Branches	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1905.															*153	
April	23	230	509	704	249	705	378	8453	745	1449	793	183	*153 Volumes on Loan at the Blind Institution.	13533	27931	1214
May	27	292	582	752	323	745	452	8934	892	1712	879	190		17329	33082	1225
June	25	277	525	730	298	700	413	8555	877	1724	844	191		17152	32286	1291
July	26	281	551	742	312	804	415	8202	965	1916	913	212		17440	32753	1259
August	26	295	578	742	306	768	421	8968	950	1893	920	209		17103	33153	1275
September ...	26	237	422	558	209	541	309	8008	684	1343	560	153		17445	30469	1171
October ...	26	266	489	674	303	700	407	9414	905	1903	732	200		17079	33072	1272
November ...	26	300	520	748	326	771	452	9313	967	1820	781	200		17177	33375	1283
December ...	24	217	401	554	205	554	321	6976	743	1482	660	143		17115	29371	1223
1906.																
January ...	18	134	294	438	186	477	268	5695	560	1105	471	114		12794	22536	1252
February ...	24	255	503	748	302	804	422	8648	959	1750	797	196		17031	32415	1350
March	27	314	568	793	353	851	439	9335	974	1864	820	206		17348	33865	1254
Totals ...	298	3098	5942	8183	3372	8420	4697	100501	10221	19961	9170	2197	153	198546	374461	1256

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1905, to March 31st, 1906, inclusive.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1905.														
April ...	23	234	226	372	731	366	235	255	333	2691	324	399	6166	268
May ...	27	220	326	361	850	370	246	162	291	2711	239	441	6217	230
June ...	25	120	269	392	759	309	215	218	222	2607	230	369	5710	228
July ...	26	171	292	329	772	362	261	189	225	2646	375	489	6111	235
August ...	26	264	293	355	713	349	234	242	325	2540	370	575	6260	240
September ...	26	134	270	330	906	386	255	214	426	2648	225	401	6195	238
October ...	26	242	287	352	803	380	260	262	318	2679	258	485	6326	243
November ...	26	172	268	399	979	391	286	211	214	2412	360	504	6196	238
December ...	24	186	211	531	811	370	192	208	337	2525	394	410	6175	257
1906.														
January ...	23	130	230	520	834	408	244	235	231	2068	308	319	5527	240
February ...	24	239	263	402	811	414	261	167	326	2250	355	464	5952	248
March ...	27	192	208	385	990	359	194	227	333	2567	321	476	6252	231
TOTALS ...	303	2304	3143	4728	9959	4464	2883	2590	3581	30344	3759	5332	73087	241

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in twenty-nine published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S. & T.	Totals	Daily Average
1876-85	2566	12494	38424	91202	6559	34936	23347	664765	22762	107727	175768	173972	34302	...	...	...	1386258	540
1886 ...	285	1113	2354	6184	550	3384	1989	69000	1534	10452	19859	40806	3598	...	...	...	160823	564
1887 ...	287	1278	2280	5875	644	2960	1642	66665	1465	11019	21702	28979	3392	...	...	...	147901	515
1888-89	351	1343	3390	9513	709	3386	1990	86547	2918	12509	84113	37857	7464	...	...	...	251739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1418	3794	236	1508	716	35701	1224	5016	51360	33553	3247	...	...	...	138177	670L.D. 116R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2474	6974	358	2207	1095	64813	2038	9362	104404	32133	5217	...	...	...	231852	810
1891-92	290	815	2489	6579	482	2339	1352	59889	1204	8783	88819	43252	3835	...	...	11350	231188	797
1892-93	285	711	2010	4615	590	2275	1032	56457	859	8909	12977	49151	393	...	...	112365	252344	885
1893-94	288	963	1818	4920	798	2384	1013	57629	1071	7997	15065	52414	847	...	...	154500	301419	1046
1894-95	285	1073	2022	4381	819	2138	758	54932	987	6081	14564	58366	1811	...	...	144667	292599	1026
1895-96	112	467	958	2340	189	1175	478	25545	434	2957	7224	21224	1235	...	...	128705	192931	1722
1896-97	284 302	990	3279	7527	541	4022	1665	76032	1090	7562	17145	65304	4466	...	302	135436	325361	915L.D. 216R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1437	5009	7600	618	4814	1303	81401	955	6904	11990	66306	4437	...	459	184319	377552	1040L.D. 221R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1084	4005	6707	649	4707	2193	66394	499	5550	7977	62901	4982	561	256	210346	378811	1074L.D. 209R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3276	6082	522	3270	1229	56686	203	5987	8541	55936	3347	674	226	199366	346271	994L.D. 191R.D.
1900-01	297	1006	2939	6066	583	3125	1265	62228	134	6607	8920	62128	4126	1025	135	219553	379840	1069L.D. 209R.D.
1901-02	293	1191	3418	5287	769	4597	1367	63493	14	6925	6743	65121	4217	1182	72	200488	364884	1023L.D. 222R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2033	5346	7489	1766	6935	3180	72016	...	8079	7474	70609	5732	1614	153	195658	388084	1076L.D. 237R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2259	5251	7358	1580	7110	3660	86148	...	9025	11485	70864	6954	2087	153	186380	400314	1120L.D. 239R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2583	5922	8256	2800	8160	4453	100821	...	10352	19420	72281	9319	2371	153	169755	416646	1167L.D. 240R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3098	5942	8183	3372	8420	4697	100501	...	10221	19961	73087	9170	2197	153	198546	447548	1256L.D. 241R.D.
Totals		38045	104024	216932	25134	113852	60424	2007663	39391	268024	715511	1236244	122091	11711	2062	2451434	7412542	

TABLE X.

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S	Totals.	Yearly Increase
1876-77	326	744	1637	145	487	469	1373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	...	7908	...
1878 ...	404	863	1854	205	595	513	1686	597	1116	513	975	583	...	...	...	9906	1998
1879 ...	451	917	1920	229	661	608	1795	613	1227	668	1426	746	...	...	...	11261	1355
1880 ...	478	967	1944	256	698	628	2031	619	1270	769	1970	1091	...	...	...	12721	1460
1881 ...	509	1024	2061	289	730	690	2265	633	1380	876	2155	1397	...	...	..	14009	1288
1882 ...	580	1086	2147	311	825	720	2375	639	1557	984	2629	1666	...	...	...	15519	1510
1883 ...	625	1109	2163	324	849	754	2457	645	1614	1047	3345	2110	...	...	...	17042	1523
1884 ...	629	1129	2220	353	898	782	2636	650	1670	1069	5200	2290	...	...	...	19506	2464
1885 ...	656	1162	2254	380	959	828	2811	661	1754	1118	5670	2655	...	...	...	20908	1402
1886 ...	689	1282	2390	424	1029	848	3218	741	1844	1284	6480	2743	...	...	...	22972	2064
1887 ...	708	1354	2514	459	1115	878	3419	805	1908	1734	6750	2958	...	...	...	24602	1630
1888-89	751	1433	2624	479	1182	912	3649	892	2116	2480	7045	3275	...	...	...	26833	2231
1889-90	758	1502	2688	494	1210	959	4041	918	2159	2787	7559	3895	...	...	...	28970	2137
1890-91	794	1561	2820	523	1256	990	4304	957	2232	2934	8040	4320	...	...	...	30731	1761
1891-92	816	1618	2894	601	1303	1008	4582	970	2314	2997	8325	5464	...	...	...	33533	2802
1892-93	867	1678	2955	625	1354	1075	4749	981	2442	3892	8630	6003	...	...	110	35361	1828
1893-94	892	1731	3037	637	1406	1102	5035	983	2506	4290	9592	6350	...	...	238	37799	2438
1894-95	935	1777	3076	657	1443	1118	5203	989	2588	936	10063	6897	...	...	3074	38960	1161
1895-96	947	1802	3118	662	1471	1144	5377	990	2680	967	10411	7356	...	...	3236	40161	1201
1896-97	959	1945	3205	670	1567	1226	5671	992	2737	980	10701	7789	...	138	3496	42076	1915
1897-98	978	2291	3276	688	1594	1273	5937	999	2856	999	11087	8021	...	255	3837	44091	2015
1898-99	985	2361	3336	745	1624	1316	6110	699	2970	1034	11461	8282	81	270	4004	45278	1187
1899-00	1024	2438	3464	758	1660	1458	6154	365	3006	1041	11799	8373	108	281	4268	46197	919
1900-01	1051	2513	3677	773	1686	1533	6323	250	3088	1042	12296	8709	119	290	4222	47572	1375
1901-02	1073	2539	3733	789	1698	1594	6521	250	3146	1057	12694	9022	119	290	4380	48905	1333
1902-03	1286	2615	3841	814	1736	1688	6796	250	3184	1070	13023	9215	187	153	4676	50534	1629
1903-04	1302	2694	3940	827	1780	1723	7130	250	3261	1150	13387	9367	188	153	5385	52537	2003
1904-05	1325	2764	4038	877	1812	1768	7525	250	3319	1183	13757	9526	278	153	5701	54276	1739
1905-06	1363	2844	4116	918	1853	1791	7896	250	3386	1220	14058	9668	309	153	6092	55917	1641

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month.	Laira.		Salisbury Rd.		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1905.						
April	652	777	515	1536	386	1134
May	549	936	368	1264	318	1010
June	520	897	356	1195	320	1025
July	554	713	416	1437	403	1268
August	509	838	310	1136	317	1078
September ...	502	888	422	1559	474	1595
October	458	855	334	1193	309	1161
November ...	538	888	359	1200	316	1077
December ...	440	834	417	1430	417	1306
1906.						
January	401	889	339	1008	321	1042
February ...	373	707	351	1237	299	1119
March	477	1025	401	1544	430	1537
Totals ...	5973	10247	4588	15739	4310	14352

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms

Branch.	1904-05.		1905-06.		Increase		Decrease	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attd.	Issues.	Attd.
Laira ...	11398	10670	5973	10247	...	...	5425	423
Salisbury Rd.	4260	13089	4588	15739	328	2650	...	...
Hyde Park Rd.	1433	6257	4310	14352	2877	8095	...	...
Totals ...	17091	30016	14671	40338	...	...	...	...

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of School Libraries supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles	Boys	50
* ,,	Girls	50
Christ Church	Boys	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
* ,,	Girls	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Oxford Street	Boys	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,,	Girls	100
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	200
Regent Street	Higher Grade	450
*St. Andrew's	Boys	75
* ,,	Girls	75
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catherine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. James'	Boys	100
* ,,	Girls	100
St. John's	Boys	120
* ,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
* ,,	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Technical Schools	Pupil Teachers' Centre	458
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		4858

*These Schools will be supplied in due course.

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries :—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the School-room.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can easily be seen and referred to by the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

Donors to the Library.

1905-1906.

Ackland, Joseph, Glasgow.
Amalgamated Press, Ltd., London.
Artus, A. Lancelot, London.
Australia, South, Agent-General for
Australia, Western, Agent-General for

Bellamy, C. V., Plymouth.
Board of Trade (Labour Department)
Board of Trade (Marine Department)
Boscawen, John R. de C., Truro.
Bristol Merchant Venturers' Technical College.
Bristol University College.
Bristol Museum, Trustees of
Browne, T. B., London.
Brushfield, T. N.,
Budge, Dr. E. A. Wallis.

Canada, Government of
Canada, High Commissioners for
Centoal News, Ltd., London.
Cobden Club.
Cohen, J., Plymouth.
Co-operative Union, Ltd.
Cranbrook, Rev. J., Edinburgh.

Davis, Orlando, Plymouth.
Day, Davies, and Hunt.
Lean and Son, Ltd.
Durham University.
Edwards, J. Passmore, London.
Eton and Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

Fletcher, B. F., London.

Green, S. S., Worcester, Mass.
Greenewalt, Navy Hullock, Philadelphia.
Guildford Chamber of Trade.

Hambly, A. G.
Headlam, M. F.
Hereford Chamber of Trade.
Hilton, James.
Hurry, J. B., Reading.

Jervis, W. P., London

Layton, C. and E., London.
Lega-Weekes, Ethel.
Library of Congress, Washington.

Library Reports, Bulletins, and Catalogues, presented by their respective Librarians—

Ashton-under-Lyne.
Aston Manor.
Ayr.
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow.
Barrow-in-Furness.
Battersea.
Belfast.
Birmingham.
Blackburn.
Blackpool.
Bolton.
Bootle.
Boston, U.S.A.
,, Museum of Fine Arts.
Bournemouth.
Bradford.
Brighton.
Bristol.
Bury.
Cardiff.
Cambridge.
Chelsea.
Chiswick.
Clitheroe
Cork.
Croydon.
Cuba and Francia, Derby.
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Devonport.
Dewsbury.
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Ealing.
Eastbourne.
Enoch Pratt, Baltimore.
Finsbury.
Fletcher, Burlington, Vermont.
Folkstone.
Fulham.
Gilstrap, Newark-on-Trent.
Gloucester.
Gosport and Alverstoke.
Great Yarmouth.
Hammersmith.
Hanley.
Harlesden, Willesden.
Hornsey.
Hyde.
John Ryland's, Manchester.
Kensal Rise.
Kettering.
Kidderminster.
Kilburn.

Kingston-upon-Thames.
Launceston.
Leek (Nicholson Institute).
Leicester.
Leigh.
Leyland.
Leyton.
Lincoln.
Liverpool.
Longton.
Loughbrough.
Middlesborough.
New South Wales.
New York Mechanics' Institute
New York State Library.
Newark, N.J.
Newcastle.
Newton Abbot.
Norwich.
Nottingham.
Osaka, Japan.
Osterhout, Wilkes Barré, U.S.A.
Oxford.
Penarth.
Peoria, Ill., U.S.A.
Perth.
Philadelphia, U.S.A.
Port Elizabeth, S. A.
Portsmouth.
Pratt Institute.
Preston.
Providence, R.I., U.S.A.
Richmond.
Rochdale.
St. Helen's.
St. Louis, U.S.A.
Salem, Mass., U.S.A.
Salford.
Shoreditch.
Smethwick.
South Australia.
South Shields.
Stafford.
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Willesden.
Wimbledon.
Windsor, Canada.
Worcester.
Worcester, Mass, U.S.A.
York.

London, Corporation of
Longmans, Green and Co., London.

Mabin, F., Plymouth.
Macdonald and Co., Edinburgh.
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Madge, W. T. London.
Magnus, Sir Philip.
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May, W., Plymouth.
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Micklewood, M. E., Plymouth.
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Morris, Hon. Alex.
Musicians, Incorporated Society of

Nash, Vaughan.
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Paton, Messrs. J. and J., London.
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Town Clerk.
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Plymouth Institution.
Plymouth Marine Biological Association.
Porter, Philip E. B., Saltash.

Queensland, Agent-General for

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Ripley, Mrs., Plymouth.
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Royal Colonial Institute.
Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society.
Royal Institute of British Architects.
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Rugg, W. H. J.

Scott, J. C., Kendal
Shann, George.
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Tangye, Sir Richard, London.
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LIST OF PERIODICALS

SUPPLIED TO THE

GENERAL NEWS-ROOMS

AND EVENING READING ROOMS.

* Presented by Publishers and others. (*e*) Denotes Evening Reading Rooms.

D—*Daily*. W—*Weekly*. F—*Fortnightly*. M—*Monthly*. Q—*Quarterly*.

*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animals Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White (*e*)	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	M
Boys Own Paper	W
*British Australsian	W
*British Homes (*e*)	M
*British Temperence Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
*Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	M
*Catholic Fireside	M
*Catholic Times	W
*Catholic Weekly	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles Parish Magazine	M
*Child's Guardian	M
* Christian Life	W
Chums (*e*)	W
*Church in the West	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	Q
Conniosseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornubian	W
County Gentleman	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devonia (*e*)	M
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
*Electrical Engineer	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M
English Mechanic (*e*)	W
*Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
Field	W

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

*Food and Cookery	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
*Garden City	M
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Girls' Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words (*e*)	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
*Hampstead Advertiser	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
*Herald of Health	M
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of the Golden Age	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
Household Words (*e*)	W
*Humanitarian	M
*Humane Review	Q
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illus. Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Investor's Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
*Ladies League Gazette	M
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Ladys Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Laundry Journal	F
*Liberty Review	M
Library World	M
*Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Monthly Magazine	M
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London Stockmarket Report	D
Longman's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	W and M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*"Mercury" Magazine	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
*National Service Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
Nineteenth Century (*e*)	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	
*Patents	M
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
Plympton Gazette	W
*Poor Law Officers' Journal	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printers' Register	M
*Progress	Q
*Public Health Engineer	W
Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Quiver (*e*)	M
*Railway Review	W
Rapid Review (*e*)	M
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports— Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Richmond and Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saltash Gazette	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Speaker (*e*)	W
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard (*e*)	D
*Stanfey Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Talking Machine News	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	M
Temple Bar	M
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
Torquay Press (*e*)	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
*Trade Marks Journal	W
Tribune (*e*)	D
Truth	W
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West African Mail	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
*Western Gurdian	W
*Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and M
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
*Workmen's Messenger	M
World	W
*World's Carriers	M
World's Work	M
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

Railway and other Official Time Tables.

English Railways.

Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
London, Brighton, and South Coast
Midland
North-Eastern
South-Eastern
South-Eastern Continental Time Table

Irish Railways.

Belfast and Northern Countries
Midland Great Western

Scotch Railways.

Caledonian
Glasgow and South-Western
Great North of Scotland
Highland
North British

General Time Tables.

Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
Clyde Shipping Co.
Cook's Excursionist
New Zealand Shipping Co.
Orient-Pacific Line
Polytechnic Holiday Tours
Polytechnic Holiday Tours

Local Time Tables.

Brendon's Plymouth and Western Counties Railway Guide
Great Western Railway Local Time Tables
Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Guide
Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Guide
Smith's Handy Railway Time Tables
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

Directories, London and Local, with all other works of Reference, will be found in the Reference Library.

Principal Additions to the Library.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Historical M.S.S. of Lady Du Cane.
Royal Academy Pictures, 1905.
Jewish Encyclopædia. Vols. X. and XI.
Reading Abbey : J. B. Hurry, M.A.
Century Cyclopedia of Names : *Ed.* by Benjamin E. Smith.
Chats on Violins : Olga. Racster.
Report on the M.S.S. in the Welsh Language. Vols. I. and II.
Scenery of London : H. Marshall and G. E. Mitton.
Index of Chancery Proceedings. Vol. I.
List and Index of Court Rolls. Part I.
Leadless Decorative Tiles : W. J. Furnivall.
Historical M.S.S. of the Earl of Egmont. Vol. I., Part I.
Brittany : Mortimer Menpes.
Gentleman's Magazine Library. Parts XVI. and XVII.
How to Collect Books : H. Slater.
Abbotsford : W. S. Crockett.
Register of St. Martin Outwich, London.
Old Clocks and Watches : F. J. Britten.
Italian Lakes : R. Bagot.
West Indies : J. Henderson.
Encyclopædia of Prose Quotations : E. P. Day.
John Hoppner (Little Books on Art) : H. P. K. Skipton.
Fairbairn's Book of Crests (Fourth Edition). 2 Vols.
Literary Year Book, 1906.
Who's Who, 1906.
Scientific and Learned Societies' Year Book, 1905.
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, N.S. Vol. XIX.
Palæontographical Society. Vol. LIX.
Visitation of England and Wales. Vol. XII. *Ed.* by F. A. Crisp.
Boilers and Boiler Making : N. P. Burgh.
Screw-Propeller : John Bourne, C.E.
Holland, Nico Jungman.
Post Office London Directory, 1906.
Historical M.S.S. of the Duke of Portland. Vol. IV.
Visitation of Sussex, 1530 and 1633-4. (Harleian Society, 1905.)
Hazell's Annual, 1906.
Whitaker's Annual, 1906.
House of Lords' Manuscripts (1697-1699). Vol. III.
New French and English Dictionary : Revised by J. Boiélle.
India : Mortimer Menpes and Flora A. Steel.
Norway : Nico and Beatrix Jungman.

Oxford: J. Fulleylove and E. Thomas.
Rome: A. Pisa and M. A. Tuker.
Tibet and Nepal: A. H. Savage Landor.
Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences. Vol. IX.
Shorthand Dictionary: Sir Isaac Pitman.
Some Feudal Coats-of-Arms: Joseph Foster.
Some Feudal Coats-of-Arms and Pedigrees: Joseph Foster.
Some Feudal Lords and their Seals: Lord Howard de Walden.
A Tudor Book of Arms: Joseph Foster.
Banners, Standards, and Badges: Lord Howard de Walden.
Studies in Architecture: Reginald Blomfield.
How to Draw in Pen and Ink: Harry Furniss.
Pre-Raphaelitism and the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. 2 vols. W. Holman Hunt.
Turner and Ruskin. 2 vols. F. Wedmore.
Studies in Both Arts: John Ruskin.
Giotto and His Works in Padua: John Ruskin.
Harbours of England: John Ruskin.
Lectures on Architecture and Painting: John Ruskin.
Love's Meine: John Ruskin.
Ruskin on Pictures. 2 vols.
On the Old Road. 3 vols. John Ruskin
Our Fathers have told us: John Ruskin.
Selections from the Writings of John Ruskin. 2 vols.
Verona and Other Lectures: John Ruskin.
Examples of the Architecture of Venice: John Ruskin.
Reports of the Department of the Interior, Washington.
Microcosm of London. 3 vols.
Coin Collector: W. C. Hazlitt.
Fine Prints: F. Wedmore.
Kelly's Handbook of Titled, Landed and Official Classes.
Kelly's Directory of Somerset and Bristol, 1906.
Letters to the Clergy: John Ruskin.
Three Letters and an Essay: John Ruskin.
Laws of Fésole: John Ruskin.
Proserpina: John Ruskin.
Deucalion: John Ruskin.
Rembrandt: Mortimer Menpes.
Black's Medical Directory. *Ed.* by John D. Comrie.
Technical Year Book, 1906.
Byepaths of Nottinghamshire History: J. Potter Briscoe.
Defeat of the Spanish Armada, 1588. (Navy Record Society).
Letters written by Sir Samuel Hood. (Navy Record Society).
Index to James's Naval History, 1886. (Navy Record Society).
Journal of Rear Admiral Bartholomew James, 1752-1828. (Navy Record Society).
Holland's Discourses of the Navy, 1638-1659. (Navy Record Society).
Accounts and Inventories of Henry VII. (Navy Record Society).
Journal of Sir George Rooke, 1700-1702. (Navy Record Society).
The French War, 1512-1513. (Navy Record Society).

The Spanish War, 1585-1587. (Navy Record Society).
Letters of Sir Thomas B. Martin. Vol. II. (Navy Record Society).
First Dutch War, 1652-1654. Vol. I. (Navy Record Society).
The Blockade of Brest, 1803-1805. Vol. I. (Navy Record Society).
Russian Fleet under Peter the Great. (Navy Record Society).
Water Colour Drawings of J. M. W. Turner, R.A.
Royal Gallery at Venice: Charles R. Eastlake.
State Trials of the Reign of Edward I. (Royal Historical Society).
Greece: Christopher Wordsworth.
Historical M.S.S. of J. B. Fortescue, Esq. Vol. V.
Clergy List, 1906.
Grove's Dictionary of Music. Vols. I. and II. *Ed.* by J. A. F. Maitland.
Bibliotheca Chemica. 2 vols. John Ferguson.
Royal Academy Pictures, 1906.
British Museum Publications.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Early Associations of Archbishop Temple: F. J. Snell.
Silver Map of the World: Millar Christy.
Gold the God, and other Poems: E. L. T. Harris-Bickford.
Historical Records of the 24th Regiment.
Historical Records of the 53rd (Shropshire) Regiment.
Historical Records of the 79th (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders).
Seaton and District: G. W. Watson.
Seaton, Beer and Neighbourhood: G. F. Mumford.
History of the Church of St. Peter, Tiverton: Rev. E. S. Chalk.
Around and about Saltash: Philip E. B. Porter.
Story of a Devonshire House: Lord Coleridge.
George Rundle Prynne: A. Clifton Kelway.
B. R. Haydn and His Friends: George Paston.
Picturesque South Devonshire: W. H. K. Wright.
Gems in a Granite Setting: Wm. Crossing.
Plymouth Corporation Accounts, 1904-1905.
Journal of the Ex. Libris. Society. Vol. XIV. *Ed.* by W. H. K. Wright.
Book of the Riviera: S. Baring-Gould.
Proceedings of the Somerset Archæological Society, 1905.
Life of Froude: Herbert Paul.
Up-along and Down-along: Eden Phillpotts.
Songs of the West: S. Baring-Gould.
Blackmore Country: F. J. Snell.
Memoirs of Archbishop Temple: By Seven Friends.
Chase of the Wild Red Deer. C. P. Collyns.
Literary Rambles in the West of England: A. L. Salmon.
Sir Joshua Reynolds: W. B. Boulton.
Romano Lavo-Lil: G. Borrow.
Targum: G. Borrow.
Cornwall Parish Registers. Vol. IX. *Ed.* by Phillimore and Taylor.
Poems to Thespia: H. Downman.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, the sum of

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free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Free Public Library of the said Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.

Donations of Books may be notified to the Borough Librarian, Free Public Library, Plymouth, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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County Borough of Plymouth.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEWS-ROOMS.

Thirtieth Report of the Library Committee and Borough Librarian,

(From April 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907),

PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, JUNE 10th, 1907.

1906 = 1907

Plymouth:
TREND AND CO., PRINTERS, ETC., 163, UNION STREET.
1907.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1906–1907.

Elected November 9th, 1906.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
J. F. WINNICOTT, ESQ.,

Deputy-Chairman, &c.;

COUNCILLOR W. L. MUNDAY.

ALDERMAN S. COUMBE.
ALDERMAN J. YEO.
COUNCILLOR J. S. ARGALL.
COUNCILLOR F. W. LLEWELLYN.
COUNCILLOR H. SCOTT TUCKER.
MR. E. R. HILSON.
MR. G. H. LANG.
MR. W. J. VICKERY.
MR. W. WILLOUGHBY.
MR. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.
REV. J. T. MAXWELL.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Book Selection:—MESSRS. HILSON, LLEWELLYN, MAXWELL, MUNDAY, TUCKER, WOLFERSTAN.

Finance and General Purposes:—MESSRS. ARGALL, LANG, VICKERY, WILLOUGHBY, YEO.

School Libraries, and Branches:—MESSRS. ARGALL, COUMBE, HILSON, LLEWELLYN, TUCKER, MAXWELL.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Secretary and Borough Librarian:

W. H. KEARLEY WRIGHT. F.R. HIST. SOC., F.L.A.

Sub-Librarian: R. E. WELLINGTON.
Senior Assistant: T. J. BURROW.
Assitants: L. ANNEAR, F. WALDRON, S. CROCKER.
Caretakers: E. BURFEY, JOSEPH LUCKHAM.
Attendant, Magazine Room: W. NOTT.
Attendant, Laira Branch: J. G. R. ANDERSON.
Attendant, Salisbury Road Branch: THOMAS POTTER.
Attendant, Hyde Park Road Branch: JOHN MADDOCK.

LIBRARY CHRONOLOGY

1871 Library Acts adopted.

1876 Librarian appointed (March).

Library formally opened (August).

1879 Opening of Reference Library (August).

1884 Re-opening of Library after extension of the building (November).

1885 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (September).

1886 Death of Mr. R. C. Serpell, founder of the Library (October 25th).

1888 Establishment of School Libraries.

1892 Opening of Cattedown Road Branch (February). (Closed August, 1901.)

1893 Opening of Union Street Branch (October). (Transferred to Oxford Street, 1897). (Closed 1901).

1894 Death of Mr. William Henry Luke, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (February 27th).

1896 Re-opening of Library after extensive alterations (January).

1897 Opening of Laira Branch (March).

Opening of Compton Branch (April). (Closed May, 1899).

Visit of American Librarians to Plymouth (July).

1898 Opening of Mount Street Branch (February). (Closed May, 1899).

1899 Death of Mr. George R. Barratt, Honorary Treasurer and Deputy-Chairman (August 24th).

1899 Electric light installed (October).

1900 Re-opening Mount Street Branch (October). (Closed 1901).

1901 Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Plymouth (August).

1904 Opening of Salisbury Road Branch (March 11th).

1904 Opening of Hyde Park Road Branch (October 7th).

1905 Death of Councillor John Taylor (September).

Resignation of Alderman John Shelly (November).

1906 Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer accepted (August).

Population of Plymouth, 1876	about 70,000
,, ,, 1907	120,000
Area of the Borough	acres 2,533
Rateable value of Plymouth, 1871	£166,332
,, ,, 1906-1907	£539,555
Number of Volumes in the Library, 1907	58,078
Number of Volumes issued during the Municipal year 1906-1907	441,026
Number of Volumes issued in all departments since the opening of the Library to the end of March, 1907	7,853,568
Number of Borrowers' Tickets issued 1906-1907	2,885
Number of Borrowers enrolled since the opening of the Library	80,967
Number of Students' Tickets issued 1906-1907	205

Report of the Deputy Chairman.

The past twelve months have witnessed the inception of a scheme for the erection of new Library Buildings. In other respects there is little to chronicle, the ordinary work of the Library having pursued its uneventful course.

The Committee continue to be sensible of the valuable services rendered by the Librarian and his staff. It goes without saying that in the planning and general arrangement of the intended new building Mr. Wright's wide experience and practical knowledge of modern library requirements have been of very great advantage to the Committee.

W. L. MUNDAY,

28th May, 1907. *Deputy Chairman.*

Librarian's Report.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Chairman), the Deputy-Chairman, and Members of the Library Committee of the Borough of Plymouth.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the thirtieth Report of this Library, with the accompanying statistical Tables.

With the exception of the generous offer of Mr. Carnegie to provide a new Library building for the town, there is nothing of special interest or importance to refer to.

The Tables before you furnish the usual statistical matter, and are worthy of your attention as showing the growth of the Library and the use made of the Institution in its various departments.

Additions to the Library proper number 1,634 volumes, to which should be added 527 Local Prints, the accumulation of many years, which have now been catalogued. The Lending Library now contains 33,453 volumes, and the Reference Library, including the Local or Devon and Cornwall Collection, 24,625 volumes, making a grand total of 58,078 volumes.

The number of Borrowers Tickets issued during the year was 2,885, as against 2,969 in the previous year, this slight decrease being at the Central Library; the Branches keeping up their average.

It is scarcely necessary to recapitulate the details given of the Issues of Books in all Departments, as they are reported to you from month to month, and are, moreover, given fully in Tables VII., VIII., IX., X., XI. and XII. The Totals and Daily Averages show an increase in the Reference Department, and a slight decrease in the Lending Department. The circulation of Books in the Schools remains about the same, but the number of volumes in use and the number of departments supplied increases steadily year by year. The Total Issues in all Departments amounted to 441,026 volumes; the Daily Average in the Lending Department being 1,247, and in the Reference Department, 247.

The Evening Branches are still popular, and meet a want; possibly, therefore, you may be disposed to open similar branches in other districts of the town as new schools are established, from time to time.

No additional Catalogues have been issued during the year, but I hope shortly to have ready for the press, a Supplementary Catalogue of Books added to the various Classes since the publication of the Class Catalogues; and a revised and up-to-date Catalogue of the Reference Library and Devon and Cornwall collection, preparatory to the opening of the new Library in Tavistock Road.

Continuing the Lecture course instituted last year, I have pleasure to report the following as having been given during the period covered by this Report. Up to the end of 1906, they were continued fortnightly, after that weekly; they were very popular, and attracted a large number of really studious people. I have every hope of continuing them next winter, and with, I trust, a still greater measure of success.

The following Lectures were delivered on the respective dates:—

Opening Lecture, Saturday, November 10th, 1906.—"Charles Kingsley, Poet, Novelist, and Cleric," by the Borough Librarian.
Chairman: The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Mr. J. F. Winnicott).

Saturday, November 24th, 1906.—"Literary Punsters," by Mr. R. A. J. Walling. *Chairman:* Councillor W. L. Munday.

Saturday, December 8th, 1906.—"Some Master Minds of the Victorian Era (Carlyle, Darwin, Ruskin, Tennyson)," by Mr. George W. Wherry. *Chairman:* Councillor H. Scott-Tucker.

Saturday, December 22nd, 1906.—Selections from Dickens's "Christmas Carol," by the Borough Librarian. *Chairman:* Rev J. T. MAXWELL.

Saturday, January 5th, 1907.—"Has the Study of Shakspere Declined?" by Mr. R. H. Leadbeater. *Chairman:* Mr. G. H. LANG.

Saturday, January 12th, 1907.—"Books in the Balance," by Mr. C. W. Bracken. *Chairman:* Mr. J. KINTON BOND.

Saturday, January 19th, 1907.—"Dante," by Councillor W. L. Munday. *Chairman:* Mr. HAROLD WOLFERSTAN.

Saturday, January 26th, 1907.—"Robert Burns," by Rev. G. McFadyean. *Chairman:* Rev. J. BELL-JOHNSTON.

Saturday, February 2nd, 1907.—"Shakspere's Heroines," by Mrs. John Skelton. *Chairman:* Mr. T. CANNING BAILY.

Saturday, February 9th, 1907.—"Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and the Rime of the Ancient Mariner," by the Borough Librarian. *Chairman:* Alderman T. G. GREEK WILLS.

Saturday, February 16th, 1907.—"John Keats and his Poems," by Miss Mildred Raymond. THE MAYORESS OF PLYMOUTH presiding.

Saturday, February 23rd, 1907.—"The Poetic Principle of Edgar Allan Poe," by Mr. J. Newton Hearn. *Chairman:* Mr. E. E. LOWE.

Saturday, February 30th, 1907.—"Thomas Moore, the Minstrel Bard of Erin," by Rev. Edward Bell. *Chairman:* Rev. Preb. W. E. BURROUGHS, B.D.

Saturday, March 9th, 1907.—"Shakspere as a Musician; and the Music of Shakspere's Time," by Mr. Reginald Waddy. *Chairman:* Alderman R. W. WINNICOTT.
(This Lecture was delivered at the Bedford Hall, and was illustrated by suitable vocal and instrumental selections.)

Saturday, March 16th, 1907.—"Charles Dickens," by Mr. George J. Michell, with illustrative Readings by Miss Caroline Tierney. *Chairman:* Rev. J. T. MAXWELL.

Saturday, March 23rd, 1907.—"William Browne, Poet of Tavistock, Devon. Author of 'Britannia's Pastorals,'" by Mr. John Shelly. *Chairman:* Mr. A. EDMUND SPENDER.

Saturday, March 30th, 1907.—"Longfellow's Place among the Poets," by Mr. John T. Lowe, with illustrative Readings by the Borough Librarian. *Chairman:* Mr. R. A. J. Walling.

Closing Lecture, Saturday, April 6th, 1907.—"Pioneers of Empire; or the Sea Kings of Devon," by the Borough Librarian. *Chairman:* Mr. Charles Luke.

As usual, and by your kind permission, I represented Plymouth at the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Bradford, and presented a Report of the proceedings at your monthly meeting following.

In an appendix to this Report will be given a list of the principal Donors to the Library during the past year; a list of some of the most important additions to the Library during the same period; a list of the periodicals supplied to the Central and Branches, and other matters of interest.

THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

In June last a letter was received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, offering to give the sum of £15,000 towards the cost of a new Library Building for Plymouth. The offer was reported to the Council, with a recommendation that it be accepted, and "that the Council be requested to place at the disposal of this Committee so much of the vacant land lying between Tavistock Road and Tavistock Place, as may be necessary for the new Free Library Building, and that, provided the request is granted, the Committee proceed to obtain Plans and Elevations for submission to Mr. Carnegie and the Council, with a view to the Building being proceeded with as speedily as possible."

In due course the matter was laid before the Council, and received approval.

Later, the Museum and Art Gallery Committee desired to join in the scheme, and to obtain permission to occupy the remainder of the site not required for the Library, in order that joint action might be taken in connection with the Plans, etc.

This being acceded to, an Assessor was appointed (Mr. Henry T. Hare, F.R.I.B.A., of London), who advised the Committees, and eventually competitive Plans were obtained from twenty local architects; those of Messrs. Thornley & Rooke being finally accepted. The following received

premiums in the order named: 1st Premium, Mr. Leighton Fouracre; 2nd Premium, Mr. J. H. Vincent; 3rd Premium, Mr. B. Priestly Shires.

The Plans have been submitted to Mr. Carnegie, and approved by him; the architects are now engaged in preparing working drawings and specifications; application has been made to clear the site, and it is hoped that work will be commenced early in the autumn.

I am pleased to report the uniform loyalty of every member of my staff, and would especially mention the Sub-Librarian and Senior Assistant.

Yours respectfully,

F. W. R. Wright

May, 1907. *Borough Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Additions made to the Library.

Class Letter	Works as Classified.	No. of Volumes.		
		1906.	1907.	Increase in 1907.
A	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy	1363	1378	15
B	Biography and Correspondence ...	2844	2937	93
C	History, Voyages, and Travels ...	4116	4249	133
D	Education, Political Economy, &c. ...	918	941	23
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1853	1907	54
F	Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	1791	1835	44
G	Prose Fiction	7896	8375	479
H	Miscellaneous Works	250	250	...
I	Magazines and Reviews	3386	3398	12
M	Music	309	309	...
R	Books for the Blind	153	153	...
J, S	Juvenile Books, including School Libraries	7312	7721	409
K	Reference Works (Reference Library)	14058	14328	270
L	Devon and Cornwall Library ...	9668	10297	*629
	* Including 527 Prints.			
	TOTALS ...	55917	58078	2161

TABLE II.

Register of Borrowers

Borrowers' Tickets issued previously, as per twenty-nine published Reports	78,082
Borrowers' Tickets issued since the publication of the last Report	2,233
Students' Tickets	205
Laira Branch	186
Salisbury Road Branch	134
Hyde Park Road Branch	127
	80,967

TABLE III.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year, with reasons assigned

Borrowers left the town	35
,, deceased	7
,, withdrawn	9
Want of time for reading	12
Guarantor withdrawn	1
Cancelled (unclaimed)	46
	110

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1907.

Under 15 years		264
From 15 to 20 years		520
,, 20 to 25 ,,		409
,, 25 to 30 ,,		191
,, 30 to 40 ,,		309
,, 40 to 50 ,,		139
,, 50 to 60 ,,		87
,, 60 upwards		91
Ages not recorded: Burgesses	524	
,, Non-Burgesses	351	
		875
		2885

TABLE V.

Residential Distribution of Borrowers.

	Burgess	Non-Burgess	Total
Vintry Ward	8	39	47
St. Andrew's Ward	26	101	127
Hoe Ward	40	200	240
Millbay Ward	8	53	61
St. Peter's Ward	9	64	73
Frankfort Ward	31	110	141
Drake's Ward	42	117	159
Charles Ward	38	135	173
Greenbank Ward	52	143	195
Mutley Ward	110	282	392
Compton Ward	52	122	174
Laira Ward	97	221	318
Friary Ward	45	155	200
Sutton Ward	18	62	80
Non-Residents	—	58	58
Borrowers at Laira Branch	66	120	186
,, Salisbury Road Branch	48	86	134
,, Hyde Park Road Branch	37	90	127
	727	2,158	2,885

TABLE VI.

Occupations of Borrowers, 1906–1907.

Classification.	*No*
Accountants, Clerks, &c.	294
Agents and Managers	42
Apprentices	43
Architects	12
Artists	2
Assistants, Shop	45
Bakers and Confectioners	21
Booksellers and Stationers	2
Boot and Shoe Makers	17
Builders and Contractors	10
Butchers, &c.	6
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, & Joiners	40
Chemists, Druggists, &c.	25
Civil Service Officials	20
Clergy and Ministers	28
Coach Builders	8
Commercial Travellers	33
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	10
Dairymen, Gardeners, &c.	16
Dentists	12
Domestic Servants	40
Drapers	66
Draughtsmen	2
Electricians	14
Engineers and Engine Fitters	55
Engravers and Lithographers	11
Errand Boys, Office Boys, and Messengers	20
Foremen	9
Governesses	12
Grocers and Tea Dealers	18
Hair Dressers	22
Inspectors	11
Ironmongers	5
Journalists, Reporters, &c.	3
Labourers and Porters	8
Lawyers, &c.	5

Classification	*No.*
Mariners	12
Married Women (so specified)	93
Masons and Plasterers	26
Medical Men	3
Merchants and Manufacturers	30
Milliners and Dressmakers	33
Musicians, Tuners, &c.	14
Nurses	5
Officers, Army and Navy	43
Organ Builders	3
Painters and Decorators	20
Pawnbrokers	7
Pensioners	27
Photographers	6
Plumbers and Gasfitters	16
Police Officers	5
Printers and Compositors	20
Railway Officials	13
Sailmakers	1
School Children and Students	223
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	192
Shipwrights	14
Shopkeepers	31
Smiths, Stokers, &c.	17
Spinsters (so specified)	19
Surveyors	3
Tailors and Outfitters, &c.	33
Tobacconists	6
Typists	18
Upholsterers	10
Waiters	6
Warehousemen	12
Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.	15
Widows (so specified)	21
Occupations not recorded, or persons having no settled occupation	901
Total	2,885

TABLE VII.

Return of Issues in the Central and Branch Lending Departments, from April 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907, with Monthly Totals and Averages.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	A—Theology and Philosophy.	B—Biography and Correspondence.	C—History, Voyages and Travels.	D—Political Econ. and Education.	E—Art, Science, and Natural History.	F—Poetry, Classics, and Drama.	G—Prose Fiction.	I—Magazines and Reviews.	J—Juvenile Works.	L—Local Works.	M—Musical Works.	R—Book for Blind.	S and T—Schools and Evening Branches.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
1906.															*153	
April ...	23	235	455	641	275	652	324	7,932	801	1,639	694	158		16,713	30,519	1,322
May ...	27	262	483	671	289	713	355	8,732	895	1,816	738	180		17,106	32,240	1,194
June ...	25	192	352	534	228	534	242	7,018	733	1,367	614	161		17,307	29,282	1,171
July ...	26	192	310	472	183	492	238	6,645	635	1,411	547	121		17,093	28,339	1,089
August ...	26	247	455	595	247	642	345	8,190	837	1,731	679	172		17,342	31,482	1,210
September	25	263	449	643	259	656	381	8,957	895	1,866	766	168		17,135	32,438	1,297
October..	27	284	551	768	306	746	432	9,454	963	1,936	808	176		17,248	33,672	1,247
November	26	309	569	700	308	762	414	9,389	1,006	1,942	829	199		17,290	33,717	1,296
December	23	226	393	500	221	539	305	7,360	749	1,636	628	154		17,247	29,958	1,302
1907.																
January ..	17	104	205	288	83	299	168	5,821	595	1,223	455	76		11,141	20,458	1,203
February	24	219	408	582	199	657	354	8,144	835	1,844	642	136		17,191	31,211	1,300
March ...	25	264	456	623	247	703	380	9,288	895	1,981	729	172		17,472	33,210	1,328
Totals ...	294	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	9,839	20,392	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	366,679	1,247

* 153 Volumes on loan at the Blind Institution.

TABLE VIII.

Works consulted in the Reference Department (including Devon and Cornwall Books) from April 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907, inclusive.

MONTH.	Days Open.	A—Biblical and Religious Works	B—Biographical Works	C—General History, Travels, &c.	D—Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, and other comprehensive Works	E—Arts, Science, and Natural History	F—Poetry, Drama, and the Classics	G—Fiction and General Literature	H—Heraldic and Genealogical Works	I—Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers	J—General Topographical Works	L—Works relating to Devon and Cornwall	TOTAL	Daily Average
1906														
April ...	23	266	272	413	948	402	233	272	301	2,274	377	378	6,136	266
May ...	27	266	270	467	936	404	341	297	287	2,302	383	496	6,449	238
June ...	25	198	302	373	838	393	292	328	295	2,386	352	485	6,242	249
July ...	26	249	292	328	914	390	256	279	375	2,349	276	448	6,156	236
August ..	26	245	237	462	987	468	288	272	285	2,046	343	376	6,009	231
September	25	267	201	495	984	319	309	200	339	2,287	298	421	6,120	244
October ...	27	292	274	544	957	446	275	176	311	2,345	356	399	6,375	236
November	26	278	279	515	886	434	248	177	323	2,264	285	422	6,111	235
December	23	279	321	436	911	401	243	200	337	2,310	379	458	6,275	272
1907														
January ...	24	254	272	397	892	400	274	167	316	2,284	335	420	6,011	250
February	24	276	290	393	912	374	251	151	261	2,455	358	442	6,163	256
March ...	25	284	294	472	1033	322	368	188	289	3,310	356	384	6,300	252
Totals—	301	3,154	3,304	5,295	11,198	4,753	3,378	2,707	3,719	27,612	4,098	5,129	74,347	247

TABLE IX.

Statement of the work of the Library in all Departments comprised in the thirty published Reports.

Year.	Days Open.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Daily Average
1876-85	2566	12,494	38,424	91,202	6,559	34,936	23,347	664,765	22,762	107,727	175,768	173,972	34,302	...	...	...	1,386,258	540
1886 ...	285	1,113	2,354	6,184	550	3,384	1,989	69,000	1,534	10,452	19,859	40,806	3,598	...	..	.	160,823	564
1887 ...	287	1,278	2,280	5,875	644	2,960	1,642	66,665	1,465	11,019	21,702	28,979	3,392	...	.	..	147,901	515
1888-89	351	1,343	3,390	9,513	709	3,386	1,990	86,547	2,918	12,509	84,113	37,857	7,464	..	..	...	251,739	710
1889-90	156 289	404	1,418	3,794	236	1,508	716	35,701	1,224	5,016	51,360	33,553	3,247	...	...	..	138,177	670L.D. 116R.D.
1890-91	286	777	2,474	6,974	358	2,207	1,095	64,813	2,038	9,362	104,404	32,133	5,217	..	.	.	231,852	810
1891-92	290	815	2,489	6,579	482	2,339	1,352	59,889	1,204	8,783	88,819	43,252	3,335	...	..	11,350	231,188	797
1892-93	285	711	2,010	4,615	590	2,275	1,032	56,457	859	8,909	12,977	49,151	393	...	...	112,365	252,344	885
1893-94	288	963	1,818	4,920	798	2,384	1,013	57,629	1,071	7,997	15,065	52,414	847	...	..	154,500	301,419	1,046
1894-95	285	1,073	2,022	4,381	819	2,138	758	54,932	987	6,081	14,564	53,366	1,811	...	..	144,667	292,599	1,026
1895-96	112	467	958	2,340	189	1,175	478	25,545	434	2,957	7,224	21,224	1,235	..		128,705	192,931	1,722
1896-97	284 302	990	3,279	7,527	541	4,022	1,665	76,032	1,090	7,562	17,145	65,304	4,466	...	302	135,436	325,361	915L.D. 216R.D.
1897-98	299 300	1,437	5,009	7,600	618	4,814	1,303	81,401	955	6,904	11,990	66,306	4,437	...	459	184,319	377,552	1040L.D. 221R.D.
1898-99	294 300	1,084	4,005	6,707	649	4,707	2,193	66,394	499	5,550	7,977	62,901	4,982	561	256	210,346	378,811	1074L.D. 209R.D.
1899-00	292	926	3,276	6,082	522	3,270	1,229	56,686	203	5,987	8,541	55,936	3,347	674	226	199,366	346,271	994L.D. 191R.D.
1900-01	297	1,006	2,939	6,066	583	3,125	1,265	62,228	134	6,607	8,920	62,128	4,126	1,025	135	219,553	379,840	1069L.D. 209R.D.
1901-02	293	1,191	3,418	5,287	769	4,597	1,367	63,493	14	6,925	6,743	65,121	4,217	1,182	72	200,488	364,884	1025L.D. 222R.D.
1902-03	295 297	2,033	5,346	7,489	1,766	6,935	3,180	72,016	...	8,079	7,474	70,609	5,732	1,614	153	195,658	388,084	1076L.D. 237R.D.
1903-04	294 296	2,259	5,251	7,358	1,580	7,110	3,660	86,148	...	9,025	11,485	70,864	6,954	2,087	153	186,380	400,314	1120L.D. 259R.D.
1904-05	295 301	2,583	5,922	8,256	2,800	8,160	4,453	100,821	..	10,352	19,420	72,281	9,319	2,371	153	169,755	416,646	1167L.D. 240R.D.
1905-06	298 303	3,098	5,942	8,183	3,372	8,420	4,697	100,501	...	10,221	19,961	73,087	9,170	2,197	153	198,546	447,548	1256L.D. 241R.D.
1906-07	294 301	2,797	5,086	7,017	2,845	7,395	3,938	96,930	..	9,839	20,392	74,347	8,129	1,873	153	200,285	441,026	1247L.D. 247R.D.
Totals—		40,842	109,110	223,949	27,979	121,247	64,362	2,104,593	39,391	277,863	735,903	1,310,591	130,220	13,584	2,215	2,651,719	7,853,568	

TABLE X.*

Showing the Accessions in all Departments of the Library from year to year since the opening in August, 1876, and the present state of the Library Stock.

Year.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	R	S & T	Totals.	Yearly Increase.
1876-77	326	744	1,637	145	487	469	1,373	431	759	473	666	368	...	...	...	7,908	...
1878 ...	404	863	1,854	205	595	513	1,686	597	1,116	513	975	583	...	...	...	9,906	1,998
1879 ...	451	917	1,920	229	661	608	1,795	613	1,227	668	1,426	746	...	...	...	11,261	1,355
1880 ...	478	967	1,944	256	698	628	2,031	619	1,270	769	1,970	1,091	...	...	...	12,721	1,460
1881 ...	509	1,024	2,061	289	730	690	2,265	633	1,380	876	2,155	1,397	...	...	...	14,009	1,288
1882 ...	580	1,086	2,147	311	825	720	2,375	639	1,557	984	2,629	1,666	...	...	...	15,519	1,510
1883 ...	625	1,109	2,163	324	849	754	2,457	645	1,614	1,047	3,345	2,110	...	...	...	17,042	1,523
1884 ...	629	1,129	2,220	353	898	782	2,636	650	1,670	1,069	5,200	2,290	...	...	...	19,506	2,464
1885 ...	656	1,162	2,254	380	959	828	2,811	661	1,754	1,118	5,670	2,655	...	...	...	20,908	1,402
1886 ...	689	1,282	2,390	424	1,029	848	3,218	741	1,844	1,284	6,480	2,743	...	...	...	22,972	2,064
1887 ..	708	1,354	2,514	459	1,115	878	3,419	805	1,908	1,734	6,750	2,958	...	...	...	24,602	1,630
1888-89	751	1,433	2,624	479	1,182	912	3,649	892	2,116	2,480	7,045	3,275	...	...	..	26,833	2,231
1889-90	758	1,502	2,688	494	1,210	959	4,041	918	2,159	2,787	7,559	3,895	...	...		28,970	2,137
1890-91	794	1,561	2,820	523	1,256	990	4,304	957	2,232	2,934	8,040	4,320	...	...	...	30,731	1,761
1891-92	816	1,618	2,894	601	1,303	1,008	4,582	970	2,314	2,997	8,325	5,464	...	...	...	33,533	2,802
1892-93	867	1,678	2,955	625	1,354	1,075	4,749	981	2,442	3,892	8,630	6,003	...	...	110	35,361	1,828
1893-94	892	1,731	3,037	637	1,406	1,102	5,035	983	2,506	4,290	9,592	6,350	...	..	238	37,799	2,438
1894-95	935	1,777	3,076	657	1,443	1,118	5,203	989	2,588	936	10,063	6,897	..	...	3,074	38,960	1,161
1895-96	947	1,802	3,118	662	1,471	1,144	5,377	990	2,680	967	10,411	7,356	...	...	3,236	40,161	1,201
1896-97	959	1,945	3,205	670	1,567	1,226	5,671	992	2,737	980	10,701	7,789	...	138	3,496	42,076	1,915
1897-98	978	2,291	3,276	688	1,594	1,273	5,937	999	2,856	999	11,087	8,021	...	255	3,837	44,091	2,015
1898-99	985	2,361	3,336	745	1,624	1,316	6,110	699	2,970	1,034	11,461	8,282	81	270	4,004	45,278	1,187
1899-00	1,024	2,438	3,464	758	1,660	1,458	6,154	365	3,006	1,041	11,799	8,373	108	281	4,268	46,197	919
1900-01	1,051	2,513	3,677	773	1,686	1,533	6,323	250	3,088	1,042	12,296	8,709	119	290	4,222	47,572	1,375
1901-02	1,073	2,539	3,733	789	1,698	1,594	6,521	250	3,146	1,057	12,694	9,022	119	290	4,380	48,905	1,333
1902-03	1,286	2,615	3,841	814	1,736	1,688	6,796	250	3,184	1,070	13,023	9,215	187	153	4,676	50,534	1,629
1903-04	1,302	2,694	3,940	827	1,780	1,723	7,130	250	3,261	1,150	13,387	9,367	188	153	5,385	52,537	2,003
1904-05	1,325	2,764	4,038	877	1,812	1,768	7,525	250	3,319	1,183	13,757	9,526	278	153	5,701	54,276	1,739
1905-06	1,363	2,844	4,116	918	1,853	1,791	7,896	250	3,386	1,220	14,058	9,668	309	153	6,092	55,917	1,641
1906-07	1,378	2,937	4,249	941	1,907	1,835	8,375	250	3,398	1,282	14,328	10,297	309	153	6,439	58,078	2,161

*—For Key to Classification, see Tables VII. and VIII.

TABLE XI.

BRANCH EVENING READING ROOMS.

Return of Monthly Issues and Attendance.

Month	Laira.		Salisbury Rd.		Hyde Park Rd.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.
1906.						
April	113	748	286	1,142	317	1,123
May	518	846	314	1,219	316	1,169
June	585	1,064	326	1,392	344	1,306
July	578	913	256	1,114	285	1,087
August ..	556	889	237	917	304	1,165
September ..	620	1,131	313	1,254	421	1,667
October ..	637	912	270	935	381	1,233
November ..	618	874	319	972	398	1,218
December ..	440	974	306	1,124	425	1,299
1907.						
January ..	539	841	284	1,008	357	1,127
February ..	530	902	271	1,019	385	1,134
March	597	1,130	327	1,151	399	1,071
Totals ..	6,331	11,224	3,509	13,247	4,332	14,599

Table showing Progress at Branch Evening Reading Rooms.

Branch.	1905-6		1906-07.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Issues.	Attendance.	Issues.	Attendance.	Issu's	Attd.	Issu's	Attd.
Laira ..	5,973	10,247	6,331	11,224	358	977	..	..
Salisbury Road ..	4,588	15,739	3,509	13,247	..	..	1,079	2,492
Hyde Pk. Road ..	4,310	14,352	4,332	14,[illegible]99	22	247	..	..
Totals .	14,871	40,338	14,172	39,070	—	—	—	—

TABLE XII.

The following is a list of School Libraries with number of Volumes supplied from the Central Library:—

Cattedown Road	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Charles'	Boys	50
,,	Girls	50
Christ Church	Boys	50
Compton	Mixed	100
Grey Coat	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Holy Cross	Boys	100
Holy Trinity	Boys	60
* ,, ,,	Girls	60
Household of Faith	Girls	50
Hyde Park Road	Boys	150
,, ,, ,,	Girls	150
King Street	Boys	100
Laira Green	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Mount Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
North Road	Girls	100
Oxford Street	Boys	100
Palace Court	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	100
Public School, Cobourg Street	Mixed	88
Regent Street	Higher Grade	450
St. Andrew's	Boys	75
,,	Girls	50
St. Boniface	Boys	50
St. Catherine's	Boys	25
,,	Girls	25
St. James'	Boys	100
* ,,	Girls	100
St. John's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	120
St. Peter's	Boys	120
,,	Girls	100
Salisbury Road	Boys	100
* ,, ,,	Girls	100
Sutton Road	Mixed	100
Technical Schools	Pupil Teachers' Centre	458
Treville Street	Boys	100
Union Street	Boys	100
,, ,,	Girls	120
Wolsdon Street	Girls	100
		4,721

* These Schools will be supplied in due course.

School Libraries.

The following regulations are in force for the management of School Libraries:—

(*a*) The Principal Teachers are held responsible for the proper cataloguing, issuing, collecting, and exchanging of the books for their respective departments, but may delegate the work of registration, etc., to an Assistant Teacher, or arrange for the work to be done in rotation by all the Assistants in the School.

(*b*) On the receipt, return, or transfer of books from the Free Library, each book shall be entered on the School Catalogue in the Form determined.

(*c*) A record shall be kept in the "Lending Book" of the names and addresses of the children making use of the Library, and the date and number of each book taken out or returned. Only one work at a time shall be taken by the same child.

(*d*) The whole of the children whose names appear on the Admission Register of the Department, and who are working in or above Standard III. shall be entitled to the benefit of the Library. The Principal Teacher may, however, have the right of withholding books from those who are known to have wilfully or carelessly damaged or injured any of the books taken out of the said Libraries.

(*e*) A specified time in each week, most convenient to each particular School, shall be fixed for the issue and collection of books, which shall apply to all children referred to in Section D, and such times shall be inserted on the labels affixed to the books, and shall be exhibited on a card hung on the walls of the School-room.

(*f*) A list or catalogue of the books in the School, lent by the Library Committee, shall be hung in the School where it can be easily seen and referred to my the children.

(*g*) Each set of books at certain periods shall be returned direct to the Free Library; books worn out or otherwise unfit for circulation being replaced by new copies or other works when deemed desirable. Any School Library may, however, be retained for a further term, if so desired by the Principal Teachers.

(*h*) All books in circulation, with the remaining portion of the School Library not in circulation, shall be collected together at the School for inspection twice in each year, immediately before the Summer and Winter holidays, or at such times as may be fixed by the Librarian.

(*i*) The General Rules of the Free Library Committee shall, as far as applicable, be observed, and the Teachers shall make such periodical returns as the Librarian may require.

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D—*Daily.* W—*Weekly.* F—*Fortnightly.* M—*Monthly.* Q—*Quarterly.*

*Alliance News	W
Animal World	M
*Animals' Friend	M
Antiquary	M
Army List	M and Q
Art Journal	M
*Aspirant (*e*)	W
Athenæum	W
*Auckland Star	W
*Banner of Israel	W
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	TRI-W
*Belfast News	W
*Bible Treasury	M
*Bideford Weekly Gazette	W
Black and White (*e*)	W
*Blackpool Times	W
Blackwood's Magazine	M
*Bladud	W
*Board of Trade Journal	W
*Bodmin Guardian	W
Bookseller	M
Boys' Own Paper	W
*British Australsian	W
*British Temperance Advocate	M
British Weekly	W
British Workman	M
British Workwoman	M
Broad Arrow	W
Builder	W
Building News (*e*)	W
Building World	W
*Canada	W
*Canadian Gazette	W
Captain (*e*)	M
Cassell's Magazine (*e*)	M
Cassell's Saturday Journal (*e*)	M
*Catholic Fireside	W
*Catholic Times	W
*Catholic Weekly	W
Century Magazine	M
Chambers's Journal (*e*)	M
*Charles' Parish Magazine	M
*Child's Guardian	M
*Christian Endeavour Times	W
*Christian Life	W
*Christian Science Journal	M
*Christian Science Sentinel	W
Chums (*e*)	W
*Church in the West	M
*Church Intelligencer	M
*Church Quarterly Review	Q
*Church Times	W
*Civil Service Candidate	W
*Civil Service Competitor	W
*Clarion	W
*Clerk of Works Association Journal	M
*Colonial Circulars	Q
Conniosseur	M
Contemporary Review	M
Contract Journal	W
*Co-operative News	W
Cornhill Magazine (*e*)	M
*Cornish Guardian	W
Cornish Post	W
*Cornubian	W
Country Life (*e*)	W
County Gentleman	W
Cycling	W
Daily Chronicle (*e*)	D
Daily Express (*e*)	D
Daily Graphic (*e*)	D
Daily Illustrated Mirror (*e*)	D
Daily Mail (*e*)	D
Daily News (*e*)	D
Daily Telegraph (*e*)	D
*Dartmouth Chronicle	W
*Deliverer	M
*Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette	D
*Devon and Somerset W. News	W
*Devonia (*e*)	M
Devonshire Notes and Queries	Q
*Drapers' Record	W
*East and the West	Q
Edinburgh Review	Q
*Educational Times	M
Electrical Review	W
*Electrical Engineer	W
Electrical Engineering	W
Electrician	W
Engineer (*e*)	W
Engineering Magazine	M
*English Churchman	W
English Illustrated Magazine (*e*)	M
English Mechanic (*e*)	W

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*Englishwoman's Review	Q
Ex Libris Journal	M
Exeter Diocesan Gazette	M
Family Friend	M
Field	W
*Food and Cookery	M
*Foresters' Miscellany	M
Fortnightly Review	M
*Freeman's Journal	D
*Freeman's Weekly	W
*Garden City	M
Gardener (*e*)	W
Gardener's Magazine	W
Gentlewoman	W
Girls' Own Paper	W
Globe	D
*Good Templars' Watchword	W
Good Words (*e*)	W
Graphic (*e*)	W
Great Thoughts	W
*Great Western Magazine (*e*)	M
*Hampstead Advertiser	W
Harper's Magazine	M
Hearth and Home (*e*)	W
*Herald of Health	M
*Herald of the Cross	M
*Herald of the Golden Age	M
Hibbert Journal	Q
*Humanitarian	M
*Humane Review	Q
Idler	M
Ilfracombe Chronicle	W
Illustrated London News (*e*)	W
Illus. Western Weekly News (*e*)	W
*Individualist	M
*Inquirer	W
*Insurance Agent	M
*Investors' Guardian	W
*Jewish Chronicle	W
*Journal of British Architects	F
*Justice (*e*)	W
*Kingsbridge Gazette	W
Knowledge	M
Labour News	W
*Ladies' League Gazette	M
Lady (*e*)	W
Lady's Field	W
Lady's Pictorial	W
Lady's Realm	M
*Launceston Weekly News	W
*Laundry Journal	F
*L.G.O. (Local Government Officer)	W
*Liberty Review	M
Library World	M
*Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Monthly Magazine	M
*Local Government Chronicle	W
*London Stockmarket Report	D
Longman's Magazine	M
*Machinery Market	W and M
Macmillan's Magazine	M
Madame	W
Magazine of Commerce	M
*Mariner	M
*"Mercury" Magazine	M
*Metropolitan (Local Government Journal)	W
*Mission Field	M
Morning Leader	D
Morning Post (*e*)	D
*Motor Traction	W
Munsey's Magazine (*e*)	M
*Musical Herald	M
Musical Times	M
*Musicians' Monthly Journal	M
Nation (*e*)	W
*National Service Journal	M
Nature	W
*Nature Notes	M
Naval and Military Directory	M
Naval and Military Record (*e*)	W
*Navy League Journal	M
Navy List	M and Q
Navy List, Lean's Royal	Q
*New Church Magazine	M
*Newquay Guardian	W
Nineteenth Century (*e*)	M
*North Devon Herald	W
*Northern Whig	D
Notes and Queries	W
*Nottingham Daily Express	D
*Oddfellows' Magazine	M
*One and All	M
*Our Own Gazette	M
*Our Work	M
Outlook (*e*)	W
*Palestine Exploration Statement	Q
Pall Mall Gazette	D
Pall Mall Magazine (*e*)	M
*Paper Maker	M
*Patent Office Index	M
*Patent Office Journal	W
*Patent Office Journal (Australian)	W
Pearson's Magazine (*e*)	M
Pearson's Weekly (*e*)	W
Penny Illustrated Paper (*e*)	W
Penny Magazine (*e*)	W
Penny Pictorial Magazine (*e*)	W
*Penryn Advertiser	W
People (*e*)	W
*Philatelic Journal	M
*Phonetic Journal	W
*Poor-Law Officer's Journal	W
*Positivist's Review	M
*Present Truth	W
*Printers' Register	M

Public Opinion (*e*)	W
Punch (*e*)	W
Quarterly Review	Q
Queen (*e*)	W
*Queenslander	W
*Queensland Government Gazette	M
*Queensland Government Mining Journal	M
Quiver (*e*)	M
*Railway Review	W
Rapid Review (*e*)	M
*Register of Deceased Seamen	M
*Reports—Marine Department, Board of Trade	M
Review of Reviews (*e*)	M
Reynolds' Newspaper	W
*Richmond & Twickenham Times	W
*Royal Cornwall Gazette	W
*St. Andrew's Parochial Magazine	M
St. James's Gazette	D
*Salcombe Times	W
Saturday Review	W
*Scotsman	W
Scribner's Magazine	M
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List	D
Shipping Weekly Summary	W
*Shipping World	W
*Shorthand Gazette	M
Sketch (*e*)	W
*Social Democrat	M
*South Australian Register	W
Spectator	W
Sphere (*e*)	W
*Staffordshire Advertiser	W
*Staffordshire Sentinel	D
Standard (*e*)	D
*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	M
*State Correspondent	M
Stationery World	M
Strand Magazine (*e*)	M
*Student's Journal	M
Studio	M
Sunday at Home (*e*)	M
*Tasmanian Mail	W
Tatler	W
*Temperance Advocate	W
*Temperance Record	M
Times	D
*Torquay Directory	W
*Torquay Times	W
*Totnes Times	W
*Town and Country (Sydney)	W
T.P.'s Weekly (*e*)	W
Trade Marks Journal	W
Trade Marks Journal (Australian)	W
Tribune (*e*)	D
Truth	W
*University Correspondent	F
*Vegetarian Messenger	M
*Vulcan	M
*Weekly Dispatch	W
*West African Mail	W
*West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser	W
Western Daily Mercury (*e*)	D
Western Daily Press (Bristol)	D
Western Evening Herald (*e*)	D
*Western Express (Bideford)	W
*Western Guardian	W
Western Independent (*e*)	W
Western Morning News (*e*)	D
*Western Times	D
Western Weekly Mercury (*e*)	W
Westminster Gazette	D and W
Westminster Review	M
Wide World Magazine	M
Windsor Magazine (*e*)	M
Woman at Home (*e*)	M
Woman's Life	W
*Worcester Herald	W
Work (*e*)	W
*Workmen's Messenger	M
World	W
*World's Carriers	M
World's Work	M
Young England	M
*Zoophilist	M

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Great Central
Great Eastern—Harwich Route
Great Northern
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London and Great Western
London and North-Western
London and South-Western
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Midland
North-Eastern
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South-Eastern Continental Time Table

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Belfast and Northern Counties
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Bradshaw
British India Steam Navigation Co.
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Cook's Excursionist
Polytechnic Holiday Tours
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Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Guide
South-Western Railway Local Time Tables

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